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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER ALICIA G. GUIDOTTI 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Alicia G. Guidotti (Guidotti) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENTS OF LAW 13 **AND** 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 In establishing the violations set forth herein, the Agency may rely on one or more of the 17 definitions contained in ORS 696.010. 18 First Findings of Fact: 19 At all times mentioned herein, Guidotti was licensed as a real estate broker with 1.1 20 Keller Williams Realty Southern Oregon. 21 1.2 On June 17, 2021, Sergio Ramirez (S Ramirez) and Noemi Ramirez (N Ramirez) 22 submitted a complaint against Guidotti. 23 1.3 On April 8, 2021, the Ramirezes submitted an offer to purchase 1901 Erin Way, 24 Medford, Oregon (subject property) from seller Diaz Memorio Picazo (Picazo). Guidotti 25 represented Picazo. The offer noted a closing date of no later than June 11, 2021, with 26 possession of the property to be delivered to buyer by 5:00 PM on closing. The offer was 27 accepted by Picazo on April 11, 2021. 28 1.4 Linda Frazer, represented the Ramirezes, said she found out about a week 29 before closing that the seller, Picazo would not be able to move out of the home by the closing 30 date of June 11, 2021. Frazier had talked with Guidotti prior to closing and Guidotti had told

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- Friday before closing, Frazier received notice from the Ramirezes' lender that the 1.5 loan was approved and ready for signing. Guidotti received an email from the lender with the same information. Guidotti replied to the email with, "replacement home."
- 1.6 Frazier spoke with Guidotti after Guidotti's email reply to the lender and Guidotti indicated she hadn't found a replacement home for Picazo and Picazo would not be able to move out of the home by the closing date.
- 1.7 When Picazo came to Guidotti's office late on April 11, 2021 to sign the offer, it was past 8:00 PM, and both Guidotti and Picazo were tired and overlooked the fact that Picazo could not close on the June 11, 2021, the closing date noted in the offer. Guidotti said because she was tired, she missed counteroffering with the contingency that Picazo couldn't close until he found a replacement property. Guidotti didn't realize she forgot the contingency until about a week before the closing date.

First Statement of Law: The Real Estate Commissioner may reprimand the real estate license of any real estate licensee if the licensee has disregarded or violated any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Agency. ORS 696.301(3). ORS 696.301(3) is implemented in part by ORS 696.805(3)(a) (2019 Edition). ORS 696.805(3)(a) states: (3) A seller's agent owes the seller involved in a real estate transaction the following affirmative duties: (a) To exercise reasonable care and diligence.

**First Conclusion of Law:** By failing to submit a counteroffer to the Ramirezes offer, with the contingency that Picazo could not close until he found a replacement property, until about a week before the closing date Guidotti violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing statute ORS 696.805(3)(a) (2019 Edition).

## **Second Findings of Fact:**

1.8 By her own admission, Guidotti was aware that Picazo could not close on the sale until he found a replacement home to move into. Guidotti said there had been another offer prior to Ramirezes' offer and Picazo had discussed needing to put a contingency in the counteroffer that Picazo could not close until he had found another home to move into.

- 1.9 N Ramierez and her two children relocated from California with the intention of closing on June 11, 2021 and living in the house after that. They have been having to live with family due to not being able to close and move into the subject property. S Ramierez has had to stay in California to maintain his job there for the loan approval.
- 1.10 According to Guidotti, she tried to renegotiate the closing date by extending the closing date and paying money towards the buyers closing costs. She said she has tried everything she can think of to try to resolve the problem, but has been unable to come up with a solution acceptable to both Picazo and the Ramirezes.
- 1.11 On July 29, 2021, a termination agreement was signed by Picazo. Ramirezes have not signed the termination document and still want the subject property.

Second Statement of Law: ORS 696.301(3) authorizes the Commissioner to reprimand a licensee's real estate license who has disregarded or violated any provision of ORS 659A.421, 696.010 to 696.495, 696.600 to 696.785, 696.800 to 696.870 and 696.890 or any rule of the Real Estate Agency. Implementation of ORS 696.301(3) is made through OAR 863-015-0135(5) (1-1-21 Edition). OAR 863-015-0135(5) states real estate licensees must include all of the terms and conditions of the real estate transaction in the offer to purchase or, directly or by reference, in the counter-offer, including but not limited to whether the transaction will be accomplished by way of deed or land sales contract, and whether and at what time evidence of title will be furnished to the prospective buyer.

**Second Conclusion of Law:** By Guidotti's own admission, she was aware that Picazo could not close until a replacement home was found, as it was discussed with Picazo on a prior offer received. Guidotti did not realize she had failed to submit a counteroffer to Ramirezes' offer including the contingency until about a week before the closing date. Guidotti violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-015-0135(5) (1-1-21 Edition).

Third Statement of Law: A licensee's real estate license may be disciplined if they have: (12) Demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license. (15) Engaged in any conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon as established by the community of individuals engaged in the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon. ORS 696.301(12) and (15).

 **Third Conclusion of Law:** The above violations demonstrate incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license, and Guidotti engaged in conduct below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon in violation of ORS 696.301(12) and (15).

**Fourth Conclusion of Law:** The forgoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301(3), (12) and (15). Based on these violations a reprimand is appropriate for violations of ORS 696.301(3), (12), and (15). As previously noted, the Agency has set forth the grounds of discipline as ORS 696.301(3), (12), and (15).

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According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

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The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.

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## STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Alicia G. Guidotti, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of

Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a 1 Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this 2 matter. 4 I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, 5 may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the 6 7 Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of 8 ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal. 9 In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 10 11 Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service. 12 13 ORDER 14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Alicia G. Guidotti's broker license be, and hereby is reprimanded. 15 16 17 18 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 19 20 DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: llicia G. Guidotti 21 DEDF507AAAF14E1. F2C2D0097AD8471 22 STEVEN STRODE ALICIA G. GUIDOTTI 23 Real Estate Commissioner Date 1/11/2022 | 6:37 PM EST Date 1/18/2022 | 8:36 AM PST 24 25 Date of Service: 01/18/2022 26 27

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