

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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Real Estate Agency

Notice of Agency
OREGON REAL ESTATE BOARD
Regular Meeting Agenda
Agency Office - Salem, Oregon
June 5, 2023

I. BOARD BUSINESS - Chair Gonzalez

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chair Gonzalez comments/Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Order of Business
- D. Approval of 4.3.23, regular meeting minutes
- E. Date of the Next Meeting: 08.07.23 to begin at 10am, Location: TBD

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chair Gonzalez

- This time is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board on matters not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to five minutes.
- The Board Chair reserves the right to further limit or exclude repetitious or irrelevant presentations. If written material is included, 12 copies of all information to be distributed to board members should be given to the Board Liaison prior to the meeting.
- Action will not be taken at this meeting on citizen comments. The Board, however, after hearing from interested citizens, may place items on a future agenda so proper notice may be given to all interested parties.
- If no one wishes to comment, the next scheduled agenda item will be considered.

III. REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS - Chair Gonzalez

A. none

IV. PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER - Chair Gonzalez

A. none

V. BOARD ADVICE/ACTION - Commissioner Strode

- A. LARRC 2024-2025
- B. ORS 696.265 Recognition of nonresident real estate licensee & OAR 863-014-0080 Nonresident License Recognition

VI. NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Strode

VII. COMMUNICATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS SUMMARY - Chair Gonzalez

VIII. REPORTS - Chair Gonzalez

- A. Commissioner Strode
- B. Agency division reports-Deputy Commissioner Higley
 - 1. Regulations, Elli Kataura
 - 2. Land Development Division, Michael Hanifin
 - 3. Administrative Services, Mesheal Heyman
 - 4. Licensing and Education, reference written report by Madeline Alvarado
 - 5. Compliance Division, Liz Hayes

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Chair Gonzalez. Next board meeting: 08.07.23 to begin at 10am, Location TBD

X. ADJOURNMENT - Chair Gonzalez

Interpreter services, auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities, and access to attend remotely by videoconference are available upon advance request.



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OREGON REAL ESTATE BOARD Regular Meeting Minutes – Via Zoom April 3, 2023 10:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Gonzalez

Susan Glen Alex MacLean Marie Due Michael Warren LaTasha Beal Kim Heddinger Lawnae Hunter Pat Ihnet

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OREA STAFF PRESENT: Steve Strode, Commissioner

Anna Higley, Deputy Commissioner Elli Kataura, Regulation Division Manager Liz Haves, Compliance Division Lead

Mesheal Heyman, Administrative Services Division Manager

CITIZEN: Barbara Geyer

I. BOARD BUSINESS - Chair Gonzalez

- A. Call to Order
- B. Chair Gonzalez comments/Roll Call
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Order of Business

MOTION TO APPROVE 4.3.2023 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY MARIE DUE SECONDED BY PATRICIA IHNAT

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

D. Approval of 2.6.23, regular meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE 2.6.2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED BY LAWNAE HUNTER SECONDED BY MICHAEL WARREN

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

E. Date of the Next Meeting: 06.05.23 to begin at 10am, Location Oregon Real Estate Agency Office, Salem, Oregon

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - Chair Gonzalez

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III. REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS - Chair Gonzalez Waiver request log.

A. Kristie Hornbeck

MOTION TO APPROVE KRISTIE HORNBECK FOR EXPERIENCE WAIVER BY LAWNAE HUNTER SECONDED BY SUSAN GLEN MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

IV. PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER - Chair Gonzalez.

A. Dave Porter MOTION TO APPROVE BY KIM HEDDINGER SECONDED BY LATASHA BEAL MOTION CARRIES WITH UNANIMOUS VOTE

B. Jim Allhiser MOTION TO APPROVE BY LAWNAE HUNTER SECONDED BY KIM HEDDINGER MOTION CARRIES WITH UNANIMOUS VOTE

V. BOARD ADVICE/ACTION - Commissioner Strode

A. none

- VI. NEW BUSINESS Commissioner Strode
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS SUMMARY Chair Gonzalez
- VIII. REPORTS Chair Gonzalez
 - A. Commissioner Strode
 - B. Agency division reports-Deputy Commissioner Higley
 - 1. Regulations, Elli Kataura
 - 2. Land Development Division, Referred to Written Report
 - 3. Administrative Services, Mesheal Heyman
 - 4. Licensing and Education, Referred to Written Report
 - 5. Compliance Division, Liz Hayes
 - IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS Chair Gonzalez. Next board meeting: 06.5.23 to begin at 10am, Location Oregon Real Estate Agency Office Salem 530 Center St NE Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301
 - X. ADJOURNMENT Chair Gonzalez



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Law and Rule Required Course 2022-2023

For courses offered January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023

OVERVIEW

This document provides the course content for the 3-hour Law and Rule Required Course (LARRC) approved by the Oregon Real Estate Board. All real estate licensees must take and complete LARRC from a certified continuing education provider to meet the requirement to take a 3-hour continuing education course on recent changes in real estate rule and law found in ORS 696.174.

Please note: Real estate licensees renewing active licenses or reactivating licenses on or after July 1, 2022, must complete this specific LARRC containing fair housing content to qualify for renewal or reactivation. (House Bill 2703, Oregon Laws 2021, Chapter 161)

This document will be posted on the Oregon Real Estate Agency's website at www.oregon.gov/rea.

HOW TO OFFER LARRC

A Certified Continuing Education Provider must meet all the <u>requirements and responsibilities of a LARRC provider</u>, including:

- Notifying the Oregon Real Estate Agency by logging in to your elicense account if you have not done so before.
- Developing your LARRC course using this document.
 - Use the written learning objectives for the required course topics.
 - Write your own learning objectives for the optional topics that you may choose to include in your LARRC course.
- Ensuring that your LARRC course will take each licensee a minimum of 3 hours to complete. A
 break of no more than 10 minutes per hour of instruction may be allowed.
- Making sure your advertising and certificates of attendance indicate name of the course as the "Law and Rule Required Course 2022-2023." You may also use the abbreviation "LARRC 2022-2023."
- Confirming that you have a completed and signed <u>Continuing Education Instructor Qualification</u>
 <u>Form</u> for each instructor teaching the course.
- Maintaining records as required in OAR 863-020-0055.

COURSE CONTENT

The LARRC course content approved by the Oregon Real Estate Board has required course topics and optional course topics.

Required topics

The required topics were developed from changes made to Oregon Revised Statute 696 and Oregon Administrative Rule 863, as well as input from Board, the Oregon Real Estate Agency staff, and other stakeholders. Learning objectives have been provided.

Optional topics

The optional topics were compiled from legislation passed in the 2017 session that the Board determined may have an effect on real estate licensees in Oregon. Additionally, other topics were added that the Board feels may benefit real estate licensees. The topics were developed with input from the Board, the Oregon Real Estate Agency staff, and other stakeholders.

Each continuing education provider is responsible for making sure that learning objectives are developed for each of the optional topics that the provider chooses to include in the LARRC offered by the provider.

Special Interest LARRC Classes

Certified continuing education providers may offer LARRC classes aimed at a specific type of licensee. Such classes must contain the required course topics, but may focus on optional topics approved by the Board that have a particular interest to licensees who manage rental real estate or are responsible for Registered Business Names.

There is no requirement to offer such a course; the decision to offer a special interest LARRC course would be a business decision made by the provider.

A provider who chooses to create such a class must still name it on advertising and the certificates of attendance as "Law and Rule Required Course 2022-2023."

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Law and Rule Required Course (LARRC) Required Topics

Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

ADVERTISING RULES UPDATE – OAR 863 DIVISION 14, 15, 24 & 25

https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=174

Oregon Real Estate News Journal December 2020

Overview:

The Agency updated the administrative rules regulating real estate licensee advertising. The following rules were created or revised: OAR 863-014-0067, 863-015-0125, 863-015-0145, 863-024-0067, and 863-025-0125.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the licensee will be able to:

- Define advertising.
- Explain brokers are now responsible for understanding and complying with the advertising rules.
- Understand principal brokers are no longer required to approve the advertising of their associated brokers.
- Explain a real estate licensee who is not the authorized licensee for a registered business as defined in 863-014-0063(1)(a) cannot overstate or misrepresent their role within the registered business name.
- Describe the requirement for advertising to be truthful and not deceptive.
- Recall property managers now have their own advertising rule in OAR 863 division 25.
- Understand licensees can register an alternative name with the Agency to use in advertising.
- Outline the online registration process for the alternative name registration.
- Recall licensees must use *their license number* when advertising with a registered alternative name.
- Apply the requirements when advertising on social media.
- Understand licensees are no longer required to use "licensed in Oregon" in online advertising.

HOUSE BILL 3113

https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3113/Enrolled

Overview:

Clarifies exemptions on rent increase limits for landlords renting a residential dwelling unit regulated as affordable housing by a federal, state, or local government.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the licensee will be able to:

 Recall that a landlord who rents a dwelling unit regulated as affordable housing by federal, state, or local government is exempt from rent increase limits if the change in rent does not increase tenant's portion of the rent, or is required by program eligibility requirements or by a change in tenant's income.

SENATE BILL 278

https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB278/Enrolled
Oregon Housing and Community Services Rent Guarantee Program

Overview:

Requires landlords and courts to delay termination of residential tenancies for nonpayment for 60 days if tenant provides documentation of application for rental assistance.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the licensee will be able to:

- Explain the notice required with a termination for nonpayment of any charges.
- Understand the financial assistance available on a per-tenant basis, rather than a per-landlord basis.
- Explain the limits on Rent Guarantee Program Fund payments have increased from a maximum of \$5,000 per landlord to a maximum of \$5,000 per eligible tenant.
- Explain that landlords and courts must delay termination of residential tenancies for nonpayment for 60 days if the tenant provides documentation of application for rental assistance.
- Recognize implication if sales transaction occurs under the above conditions.

SENATE BILL 291

https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB291/Enrolled

Overview:

Requires landlords who require applicant screening charges to adopt certain written screening criteria made available to applicants before accepting application.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the licensee will be able to:

- Understand that a landlord is required to provide written notice of screening criteria upon requiring an applicant screening charge.
- Describe circumstances where landlords are required to provide applicants with certain information when issuing a denial.
- Explain that a landlord can only consider an applicant's history of previous arrests if the applicant
 was convicted of the charges or the charges are pending and the applicant is not currently
 participating in a diversion, conditional discharge, or deferral of judgement program on the
 charges.

FEDERAL AND STATE FAIR HOUSING LAWS (IMPLEMENTING HB 2703)

Fair Housing Act

Overview:

The purpose of fair housing laws and rules is to prevent discrimination of people on the basis of a protected class during a property transaction. Federal, state and local regulations prohibits brokers, sellers, lenders, and insurers from adopting discriminatory policies against people in protected classes.

Oregon's House Bill 2703 was enacted to ensure Oregon real estate licensees learn about state and federal fair housing laws as part the continuing education requirement to renew an active license or reactivate a license. The new requirement becomes effective July 1, 2022.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. In addition to the federal protected classes, the state of Oregon has included additional protected classes, and many local governments have included even more.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the licensee will be able to:

- List the federal protected classes.
- Describe the history of discriminatory practices by regulators and industry professionals related to restricted covenants, redlining, blockbusting, and steering that led to the creation of the Fair Housing Act.
- Define blockbusting.
- Define redlining.
- Define steering.
- Define implicit bias.
- Define disparate impact.
- List Oregon's protected classes (source of income, domestic violence survivors, marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity, see <u>Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) chapter 659A</u>, <u>Oregon</u> <u>Administrative Rule chapter 839</u>, and <u>ORS 90.445</u>) and compare with the federal protected classes.
- Identify when parties are exempt from the Fair Housing Act (Federal Fair Housing Act Sec. 803(b)).
- Describe the real estate property types covered in the Fair Housing Act (<u>Federal Fair Housing Act Sec. 803.</u>).

- Explain fair housing advertising guidelines (Federal Fair Housing Act Sec. 804(c)).
- Understand under what circumstances reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications
 are necessary to allow persons with disabilities to enjoy their housing (<u>Federal Fair Housing Act</u>
 Sec. 804(f)(3))
- Understand the laws that govern protections from discrimination against disability at the federal level (Federal Fair Housing Act Sec. 804).
- Identify prohibited actions involving the sale and rental of housing under the Fair Housing Act (Federal Fair Housing Act Sec. 804 through 806):

Real Estate Transaction:

Based on protected classes, an individual subject to fair housing laws, including Oregon real estate licensees, **cannot**:

- Refuse to sell or negotiate in the sale of housing.
- Falsely deny that housing is available for an inspection.
- Make housing unavailable.
- Indicate any preference, limitation, or discrimination within any statement, advertisement, or published notice.
- Discourage the purchase of a dwelling.

o **Property Management:**

Based on protected classes, an individual subject to fair housing laws, including Oregon real estate licensees, **cannot**:

- Discourage the rental of a dwelling.
- Refuse to rent or negotiate, in the rental of housing.
- Make housing unavailable.
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for the rental of a dwelling.
- Provide a person different housing services or facilities.
- Indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination within any statement, advertisement, or published notice.
- Threaten, intimidate or interfere with a person's enjoyment of a dwelling. This includes visitors or associates of the tenant.
- Threaten an employee or agent with firing or other negative action for any legal, non-discriminating, pro-regulatory, effort to help someone rent a unit.
- Limit privileges, services or facilities of a dwelling.
- Fail or delay maintenance or repairs.
- Fail to investigate or address allegations that a tenant or group of tenants is harassing or threatening another tenant.
- Retaliate against a person who has made a complaint, testified, or in any way assisted with proceedings under the Fair Housing Act.

Rental Screening Process:

Based on protected classes, an individual subject to fair housing laws, including Oregon real estate licensees, **cannot**:

- Use different qualification criteria or applications.
- Use different rental standard or procedures, such as income standards, application fees, credit analyses, or rental approval procedures or other requirements.
- Recognize prohibited actions relating to mortgage lending under the Fair Housing Act (Example: Refuse to make a mortgage loan or provide other financial assistance for a dwelling.).

- Cite contemporary examples of fair housing law violations that make these issues relevant today.
- Understand the two categories that fall under sexual harassment, quid pro quo and hostile environment.
- Recall Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) is Oregon's governing agency that reviews complaints, regulates, and assesses civil penalties for fair housing violations.
- Understand that BOLI and the Oregon Real Estate Agency share complaint information and report findings regarding fair housing violations.
- Explain how to submit a fair housing complaint:
 - o BOLI, Civil Rights Division (here).
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (here).

Additional Resources:

U.S. Housing and Urban Development

- Fair Housing Rights and Obligations
- Info for Real Estate Brokers and Agents
- Equal Housing Opportunities for Individual for Disabilities Overview
- Advertising and Marketing
- Memorandum on Guidance Regarding Advertisements Under § 804(c) of the Fair Housing Act
- Equal Housing Opportunity Graphics for Printing
- Fair Lending Guide
- Fair Housing Types of Housing Covered

Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)

- Fair Housing Page
- Housing Discrimination Page

Fair Housing Council of Oregon

- Fair Housing Council of Oregon Home Page
- Information for Housing Providers
- Protected Classes in Oregon by City and County

Law and Rule Required Course (LARRC) Optional Topics

Effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

In addition to the required course topics listed above, a certified continuing education provider may include the following subjects.

2021 OREGON LEGISLATION

House Bill 2037

Increases limits for loans for certain business development projects made with moneys from Oregon Business Development Fund and provides annual adjustments of limits for changes in Consumer Price Index.

House Bill 2009

Establishes temporary limitation on lenders' remedies for borrowers' failures to make payments on obligations secured by mortgage trust deeds or land sale contracts for certain real property.

House Bill 2534

Requires homeowners associations and condominium associations to review governing documents and remove discriminatory langrage or certify the nonexistence of such language on or before December 31, 2022.

House Bill 2583

Prohibits establishment or enforcement of occupancy limits based on familial relationships on residential dwelling units by public bodies.

House Bill 2703

Real estate licensees renewing or reactivating a license on or after July 1, 2022, must complete an Oregon Real Estate Board-approved course (Law and Rule Required Course) that includes required topics on state and federal fair housing laws.

House Bill 2966

Relating to termination of commercial tenancies; and declaring an emergency. Extends grace period for repayment of rent for certain tenants.

House Bill 3030

Allows professional licensing boards to issue a nonrenewable temporary authorization to an individual who is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of United States stationed in Oregon and holds an eligible out-of-state authorization to provide occupational or professional service.

Senate Bill 8

Requires local governments to allow development of certain affordable housing on lands not zoned for residential uses.

Senate Bill 282

Extends grace period for repayment of residential rent accrued during emergency period of April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, until February 28, 2022.

Senate Bill 458

Allows land division to separate dwelling units for new middle housing allowed in cities.

Senate Bill 765

Makes permanent provisions allowing notary public to perform notarial act using communication technology for remotely located individuals under certain circumstances.

Senate Bill 829

Reorganizes and clarifies the process for eviction in foreclosure proceedings.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL TOPICS

- How to conduct business using eLicense, the Agency's online electronic licensing management system, including:
 - o Registering an alternative name for the purposes of advertising.
 - o Adding or **removing** clients trust accounts
 - o Changing your legal name
 - o Registered Business Name Renewal
 - o Transferring in and inactivating a licensee
 - o Renewing your license
- Review of recent administrative actions taken against licensees found on the <u>Administrative</u>
 Actions page.
- Review of recent articles found in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.
- Review of Oregon Administrative Rules chapter 863.
- Review the difference between statutes and rules.
- Review the role of the Oregon Real Estate Agency, including:
 - o Education and examination for brokers, principal brokers and property managers.
 - o Licensing and regulation of real estate principal brokers, brokers, property managers and escrow and escrow agents.
 - Regulation of condominiums, timeshare and campground registrations, real estate marketing organizations, out-of-state subdivisions, and certain manufactured dwelling subdivisions.
 - o Investigation of complaints against real estate licensees and escrow agents, and investigation of cases of unlicensed professional real estate activity.
- Issues concerning radon, including information to alert potential buyers of one- and two-family dwellings.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS Reported 3/8/23 through 5/19/23

REVOCATIONS

Kraskoff, Anna (Woodburn), Broker 201109050, Final Order by Default dated March 20, 2023, issuing a revocation.

SUSPENSIONS

None

REPRIMANDS

Hage, Lucinda I. (Newberg), Property Manager 891000210, Stipulated Final Order dated March 2, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

Ginsbach, Jodie I. (Jefferson), Broker 201221291, Stipulated Final Order dated April 3, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

Rowland, Angela M. (Lake Oswego), Broker 201205805, Stipulated Final Order dated April 3, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

Santiam Escrow, INC, (Stayton), Escrow 850600206, Stipulated Final Order dated April 27, 2023, issuing a reprimand.

CIVIL PENALTIES

Expired

None

Unlicensed Activity

Warner, Christy (Portland), Unlicensed, Default Final Order dated March 20, 2023, issuing a \$250.00 civil penalty.

King, Deborah (Ojai, CA), Unlicensed, Default Final Order dated March 17, 2023, issuing a \$1,500.00 civil penalty.

Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC (Pikesville, MD), Unlicensed, Stipulated Final Order dated April 27, 2023, issuing a \$500.00

BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER JODIE IRENE GINSBACH 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Jodie Ginsbach (Ginsbach) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Ginsbach was licensed as a real estate broker with John L. Scott-SLM. 17 On August 10, 2020, the Agency received a complaint from Kassandra Bruhn 1.2 18 (Bruhn) against Ginsbach and an investigation was opened. 19 1.3 Bruhn represented seller David Jefferson (Jefferson) and Joyce Hamel (Hamel) 20 in the sale of 14373 Ananonda Ln SE, Jefferson, OR 97352 (subject property). On April 18, 21 2020, Bruhn listed the subject property with Jefferson as attorney in fact for Hamel, his mother-22 in-law. The property was owned by Hamel. Jefferson had Power of Attorney for Hamel. 23 24 1.4 Ginsbach represented buyer Rachel Savran (Savran). On April 24, 2020, an offer 25 to purchase the subject property was signed by Savran, with a purchase price of \$470,000, 26 seller to pay up to \$8,200 in closing costs and prepaids and closing to occur no later than May 27 27, 2020. 28 1.5 On April 29, 2020, the offer to purchase was accepted and signed by Jefferson. 29 Hamel passed away prior to the offer being signed by Jefferson. Multiple addendums were 30 signed by the parties. Due to Hamel's death, the transaction was required to go through 1 of 5 – Stipulated Final Order- Jodie Irene Ginsbach

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probate court and documentation was needed for the judge for the sale to be completed, which took longer than expected.

- 1.6 Ginsbach prepared a closing cost addendum with the incorrect amount for buyer's closing costs of \$11,272 to be paid by seller.
- 1.7 On July 9, 2020, Ginsbach met with Savran and had her sign the addendum. Ginsbach then sent the addendum signed by Savran, along with an unsigned addendum to Sada Combs, the escrow agent. The unsigned addendum was included with the closing documents provided to Jefferson to sign at closing and was signed by him on July 9, 2020.
- 1.8 Bruhn was not allowed to be with Jefferson at escrow when he signed the closing documents due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Bruhn said she never received a copy of this closing cost addendum to review.
- 1.9 Bruhn first saw the addendum with the incorrect closing cost amount on July 10, 2020, when Sada Combs, the escrow agent sent her two copies of it, one signed by Savran and one signed by Jefferson. Previously, Jefferson had agreed to \$5,000 in repair costs and \$1,008 in loan lock fees documented in addendum. Jefferson had verbally stated he was willing to pay for a second loan lock fee since the closing had to be delayed several times due to the probate proceeding.
- 1.10 Bruhn stated she had requested the second loan lock fee information from Ginsbach several times but never received it. Bruhn said she had phone conversations with Ginsbach about the loan lock fees and Ginsbach always indicated she was waiting to get it from the home loan lender. Per Bruhn, she kept asking for it, so she could prepare an addendum with the second loan lock fee amount so the parties could sign it prior to closing.
- 1.11 Ginsbach admitted she failed to return calls or emails to Bruhn about the loan lock costs because the home lender was not providing that information. Per Ginsbach, if she didn't have the information someone was asking for, she would not contact them until she had the information. Ginsbach said she could improve in this area.
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By failing to return calls or emails to seller's agent Bruhn relating to the loan lock information for the subject property transaction Ginsbach violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.810(2)(b),(3)(a),(c) (2019 Edition)

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- 1.12 Per Ginsbach, Mandi Stephens, who worked for the buyer's lender provided the wrong information a few times during the transaction, and Stephens mixed up Savran's loan with another loan which resulted in her providing the wrong figures. Ginsbach relied upon Stephens to provide her with the right amounts for the closing costs to be paid by the seller, so she accepted the \$11,272 (\$7,772 was the correct amount of closing costs to be paid by Jefferson, which consisted of \$5,000 for repairs and extension locks) and prepared the addendum with that amount as the seller paid closing costs.
- 1.13 Once Bruhn saw the incorrect closing cost addendum, she informed Combs and Ginsbach they should hold off on funding until the seller paid closing costs issue was resolved.
- 1.14 Ginsbach admitted she did not send the addendum to Bruhn to review with Jefferson prior to him signing it and knows she should have sent it to Bruhn.
- 1.15 Per Ginsbach, she felt like she was in a time crunch to get the transaction closed by the July 10, 2020, closing date which contributed to her not sending the addendum to Bruhn first.
- **Conclusion of Law**: By sending a closing cost addendum for the subject property with a new amount of \$11,272.00, (an increase of \$3500.00) to escrow agent Combs without copying or otherwise notifying Bruhn prior to closing, Ginsbach violated ORS 696.301(7) and ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.810(2)(a),(b) (2019 Edition).
- 1.16 On July 10, 2020, Ginsbach wrote a corrected closing cost addendum. The addendum stated the seller would not be contributing \$11,272 to buyer's closing cost and instead would be contributing \$7,772 towards the buyer's closing costs.
- 1.17 All of the above demonstrate incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- (3) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2019 Editions)

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- 2.1 The forgoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding the licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Jodie Irene Ginsbach, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact 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 a contested case 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 hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 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.

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ORDER IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jodie Ginsbach's broker license be, and hereby is reprimanded. IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: DocuSigned by: Jodie Ginsbach JODIE IRENE GINSBACH STEVEN STRODE Real Estate Commissioner 4/3/2023 | 6:46 PM PDT Date __4/4/2023 | 8:51 AM PDT Date Date of Service: __04/04/2023

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 In the Matter of the Real Estate License of 4 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER LUCINDA IRENE HAGE 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Lucinda Hage (Hage) do hereby agree 11 and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Hage was licensed as a principal broker with 17 Coldwell Banker Professional Group (CBPG). 18 1.2 On May 26, 2022, Hage was notified that her clients' trust account ending in 19 0066 (CTA #0066), which held owner funds, had been selected for a reconciliation review. 20 Hage provided documents for March 2022 in a timely manner. An investigation was opened 21 due to the outstanding issues found in the review. 22 1.3 On November 8, 2022, Agency Investigator, Cidia Nañez (Nañez) requested 23 Hage provide an update on the outstanding items from the March 2022 CTA 006 Review (CTA 24 Review) specifically, the owner ledger balances, two of which had negative balances, the sum 25 of all owner ledger balances did not match the bank statement balance and an explanation for 26 the funds being held in the account belonging to CBPG. 27 1.4 On February 7, 2023, Nañez asked Hage via email how the property owners had 28 been notified of their final accounting. On February 15, 2023, a response was received from 29 Julie Adams (Adams) stating they either mailed or emailed the final statements to the owners. 30 Unfortunately, they no longer had access to that email account.

- 1.5 In the February 15, 2023, email Adams provided the owner ledger balances and noted that there were still some corrections to be made. Adams also provided Rental Owner Statements, cancelled checks, and bank statements. A review of the owner ledgers shows that they were different than the balances provided during the CTA Review. All amounts that Adams claimed were final disbursements to owners, were reflected in the rental owner statements, except for the Gardner property.
- 1.6 In response to the February 15, 2023, email Nañez asked Adams if CBPG was holding security deposits for their property owners. Adams said they did hold security deposits and they were returned to the tenant or transferred to the owner. Adams claimed to have provided cancelled checks for the returned security deposits, however, in review of the supporting documents provided, cancelled checks were only provided for three properties and no supporting documentation was found for the remaining properties.
- 1.7 On March 14, 2023, Adams wrote in an email that she had worked with their software provider to make correcting entries to balance the accounts. In reference to the Gardner property (referenced in 1.5 above), she wrote "\$600 Security Deposit was never transferred to CTA after being earned by unpaid rent on August (sic) of 2021."
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By not transferring security deposit funds totaling \$600 from the security deposit CTA to the CTA holding rents/owner funds, Hage violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.890(4)(e) (2019 Edition).
- 1.8 In the February 15, 2023, email, Adams wrote that the Gardner correcting entry resulted in a surplus for that property and that the surplus was used to pay property management fees for this owner that had previously gone unpaid for March of 2022.
- (2) Conclusion of Law: By not disbursing earned management fees from the clients' trust account at least once each month unless a different schedule of disbursement is specified in the property management agreement, Hage violated ORS 696.301(3) and its implementing rule OAR 863-025-0027(6) (2020 Edition).
- 1.9 Adams stated the correcting entry made for the Sylvan property resulted in a positive balance of \$50 in CTA #0066. Adams explained, "A PM fee of \$80 as earned on 12/19/19 & late fee of \$50 on 7/5/2020 but neither were deducted or paid to Coldwell Banker

- Professional Group, so I recorded the \$50 fee and this zeroed out the balance in the CTA for this property.
- (3) Conclusion of Law: By holding funds belonging to CBPG in CTA #0066 Hage violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.241(5) (2019 Edition).
- 1.10 All of the above demonstrate incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing any act for which the real estate licensee is required to hold a license and conduct that is below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- (4) Conclusion of Law: Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2019 Edition).

2.1 The forgoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301

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- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding the licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Lucinda Irene Hage, 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 Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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,

may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the 1 Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of 2 3 ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News 4 Journal. In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 5 Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby 6 7 waive the right to challenge the validity of service. 8 ORDER IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Lucina Hage's principal broker license be, and hereby is 9 reprimanded. 10 11 12 13 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 14 15 DocuSigned by: Steven Strode 16 FE161ECAB4BD4CB...
LUCINDA IRENE HAGE 17 STEVEN STRODE Real Estate Commissioner 18 Date 4/27/2023 | 10:50 AM PDT Date 4/27/2023 | 9:46 AM PDT 19 20 Date of Service: __04/27/2023 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

REAL ESTATE AGENCY BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Unlicensed Professional	}
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DEBORAH KING) TO CEASE

FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT AND ORDER
TO CEASE AND DESIST

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND PROCEDURAL LAW

- 1.1 On July 6, 2022, the Real Estate Commissioner issued, by certified mail, a *Notice* of *Intent to Assess a Civil Penalty and Order to Cease and Desist*. The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) sent the *Notice of Intent* to King's last known address of record with the Agency (4607 Lakeview Canyon Rd Ste 583, Westlake Village, CA 91361). The *Notice of Intent* was also sent by certified mail to (276 Running Ridge Trail, Ojai, CA 93023). The *Notice of Intent* was also mailed to King by regular first-class mail to the above address. And the Notice of Intent was also emailed to King at her email address of record.
- 1.2 In response to the emailing of *The Notice of Intent* to King's email address of record, King replied on July 14, 2022, stating, "Please be advised we, myself and my partner, Eric Gignoux, request a hearing in this matter".
- 1.3 On August 11, 2022, the Agency issued, by first-class mail, a *Notice of Hearing Referral Packet*. The Agency sent the *Notice of Hearing Referral* to 4607 Lakeview Canyon Rd Ste 583, Westlake Village, CA 91361 and the *Notice of Hearing Referral* was also emailed to King at her email address of record. Neither the first-class mailing nor the email was returned to the Agency as undeliverable.
- 1.4 OREA file was forwarded to the Office of Administrative Hearings. A hearing date was set for February 22, 2023, at 9:00 AM. King did not appear at the hearing, nor did King notify the Agency or the Office of Administrative Hearings that King would not appear at the scheduled hearing.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon the Agency's investigation reports, documents and files that, pursuant to Section 9 of the *Notice of Intent*, automatically become part of the evidentiary record of this disciplinary action upon default (for the purpose of proving a prima facie case (ORS 183.417(4)), the Real Estate Commissioner finds:

- 2.1 A notice of intent is properly served when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, and addressed to the real estate licensee or to any other person having an interest in a proceeding before the Commissioner at the licensee's or other person's last known address of record with OREA. (ORS 183.415(2); OAR 137-003-0505; OAR 863-001-0006. If correctly addressed, such a notice is effective even though it is not received by the person to be notified. Stroh v. SAIF, 261 OR 117, 492 P2d 472 (1972) (footnote 3 in this case misquotes the cited treatise and contradicts the text of the opinion; treatise and cited case law support the proposition stated in the text.) Also, notice is effective even though the addressee fails or refuses to respond to a postal service "mail arrival notice" that indicates that certified or registered mail is being held at the post office. See State v. DeMello, 300 Or App. 590, 716 P2d 732 (1986) (discussing use of certified mail to effectuate notice of driver's license suspension under ORS 482.570). See also El Rio Nilo, LLC v. OLCC, 240 Or App 362, 246 P3d 508 (2011) (Notice by certified mail effective even though addressee did not pick up in time to file request for hearing timely).(Oregon Attorney General's Administrative Law Manual and Uniform Model Rules Of Procedure Under the Administrative Procedures 2019 Edition at pages 97-98.
- 2.2 King's last known address of record with the Agency was 4607 Lakeview Canyon Rd Ste 583, Westlake Village, CA 91361.
- 2.3 A certified mailing of the notice of intent was mailed to King at King's last known address of record on July 6, 2022. The certified mailing of the notice has not been returned to the Agency. The notice was also mailed to another possible address for King at 276 Running Ridge Trail, Ojai, CA, 93023. This certified mailing has been returned to the Agency as return to sender, refused and unable to forward.
- 2.4 The notice was also mailed regular first-class mail to both of the above possible addresses for King. The first-class mailing to King's last known address of record has not

been returned to the Agency. The first-class mailing to 276 Running Ridge Trail, Ojai, CA 93023 has been returned to the Agency as return to sender, not deliverable as addressed and unable to forward. The OAH Rules contain a rebuttable presumption that documents sent by regular mail are received by the addressee. ORS 137-003-0520(10). If the regularly mailed notice is actually received, it is effective on the date received, rather than the date of mailing.

2.5 As noted in paragraph 9 of the *Notice of Intent to Assess a Civil Penalty and Order to Cease and Desist* and section 2 above, the Agency's entire investigation file was designated as the record for purposes of presenting a prima facie case upon default, including submissions from King and all information in the administrative file relating to the mailing of notices and any responses received.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3.1 At all times mentioned herein, King was not licensed to conduct professional real estate activity in Oregon.
- 3.2 On January 20, 2022, the Agency received a complaint against King. The Agency opened an investigation. A LoopNet listing for an Oregon property, 3250 Beach Loop Dr-Windermere on the Beach, Bandon, Oregon (subject property), accompanied the complaint. The listing showed Deborah King and Eric Gignoux with Western Hotel Brokers, Inc, 4607 Lakeview Canyon, Suite 583, Westlake Village, CA, 91361 displayed for the contact information. The Executive Summary section noted in part, "Western Hotel Brokers, as the sole exclusive agent, offers for sale this fantastic 25-unit inn on the Oregon coast."
- 3.3 According to the California Department of Real Estate, King holds an active broker license in California. The office address associated with King's license is 4607 Lakeview Canyon Rd #583, Westlake Village, California 91361. Western Hotel Brokers is listed as a corporation with Deborah King as the designated officer.
- 3.4 On March 3, 2022, a review of LoopNet's advertisement still showed the subject property's listing. The contact person listed was Deborah King (805) 425-2880. Under the Executive Summary section, it noted in part, "Deborah King, Esq., offers for sale this fantastic 25-unit inn on the Oregon coast."

- 3.5 As of April 14, 2022, a review of the LoopNet website indicated King still advertised the subject property through Western Hotel Brokers.
- 3.6 As of April 14, 2022, a review of the Western Hotel Brokers' website showed the subject property was still advertised for sale by King through Western Hotel Brokers.

STATEMENT OF LAW APPLICABLE TO FINDINGS OF FACT

- 4.1 ORS 696.020(2) (2021 Edition) states an individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter.
- 4.2 ORS 696.990(4)(a) and (b) (2021 Edition) states any person that violates ORS 696.020(2) may be required by the Real Estate Commissioner to forfeit and pay to the General Fund of the State Treasury a civil penalty in an amount determined by the commissioner of: (a) not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense of unlicensed professional real estate activity; and (b) not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for the second and subsequent offenses of unlicensed professional real estate activity.
- 4.3 ORS 696.010(6) (2021 Edition) defines "compensation" as: valuable consideration for services rendered or to be rendered, whether contingent or otherwise.
- 4.4 ORS 696.010(17)(b)(d)(i)(j) (2021 Edition) defines "Professional real estate activity" as: any of the following actions, when engaged in for another and for compensation or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise of receiving or collecting compensation, by any person who: (b) offers to sell exchange, purchase, rent or lease real estate; (d) Lists, offers, attempts or agrees to list real estate for sale; (i) purports to be engaged in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, renting or leasing real estate; (j) assists or directs in the procuring of prospects, calculated to result in the sale, exchange, leasing or rental of real estate.
- 4.5 ORS 696.010(19) (2021 Edition) defines "real estate" as: includes leaseholds and licenses to use including, but not limited to, timeshare estates and timeshare licenses as defined in ORS 94.803, as well as any and every interest or estate in real property, whether

corporeal or incorporeal, whether freehold or nonfreehold, whether held separately or in common with others and whether the real property is situated in this state or elsewhere.

- 4.6 ORS 696.397 states if the Agency has reason to believe that a person has engaged, is engaging or is about to engage in a violation of ORS 696.020(2) the Agency may, issue an order directing a person to cease and desist from the violation or threatened violation.
 - 4.7 The Agency may rely on one or more definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 5.1 King engaged in unlicensed professional real estate activity.
- 5.2 King had the expectation or promise of receiving or collecting compensation for the professional real estate activity performed.
- 5.3 King's actions constitute grounds to impose a civil penalty for each violation per ORS 696.990(4)(a) and (b) and ORS 696.990(5), as well as entry of an order to cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity under ORS 696.397.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 6.1 Pursuant to ORS 183.417(4) and OAR 137-003-0670 King is in default.
- 6.2 The material facts establish grounds to impose civil penalties, by preponderance of the evidence, under ORS 696.990(4)(a) and (b) and ORS 696.990(5), as well as entry of an order to cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity under ORS 696.397, as set forth in the Notice of Intent to Assess a Civil Penalty and Order to Cease and Desist.
- 6.3 Based on the violations of ORS 696.020(2), the Agency may assess a civil penalty against King for each violation as well enter an order to cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity.
- 6.4 Based on the evidence in the record, the preponderance of the evidence supports the civil penalties against King and an entry of an order to cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity.

- 6.5 The Agency may therefore assess a civil penalty against King for each violation and enter an order to cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity.
- (1) **Violation**: By advertising the subject property on LoopNet.com, King engaged in professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(b)(d)(i)(j), without an active Oregon real estate license, in violation of ORS 696.020(2) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.020(2) states an individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided in this chapter.
- (2) **Violation:** By advertising the subject property on Western Hotel Brokers' website, King engaged in professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(b)(d)(i)(j), without an active Oregon real estate license, in violation of ORS 696.020(2) (2021 Edition). ORS 696.020(2) states an individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided in this chapter.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to ORS 696.397, King immediately cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(a)-(n) (2021 Edition) unless King first obtains a real estate license from the Agency. The Commissioner's authority for this order is under ORS 696.397.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to ORS 696.990 and based upon the violations set forth above, King pay civil penalties as follows:

\$500 civil penalty for violation 1 above as the first offense

\$1000 civil penalty for violation 2 above as the second offense.

The total sum of civil penalties King must pay is \$1,500, to be paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to the Agency.

Dated this	17th	day of	March,	2022
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OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY





Steven Strode

Real Estate Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the date of service of this order. Judicial review is to the Oregon Court of Appeals, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER ANNA A KRASKOFF FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT PROCEDURAL HISTORY 1.

- 1.1 On October 21, 2021, the Real Estate Commissioner issued, by certified mail, a *Notice of Intent to revoke* the real estate broker's license of Anna Kraskoff (Kraskoff). The Real Estate Agency (Agency) sent the *Notice of Intent* to Kraskoff's two last known addresses of record with the Agency (PO Box 567, Woodburn, OR 97071 and 8370 Redwood Ln NE, Woodburn, OR 97301). The *Notice of Intent* was also mailed to Kraskoff by regular first-class mail to both of the above addresses in a handwritten envelope. And the notice of intent was also emailed to Kraskoff' at her email address of record.
- 1.2 On October 27, 2021, the Agency received the certified return receipt from the October 21, 2021, mailing to 8370 Redwood Ln NE, Woodburn, OR 97301. The receipt showed a delivery date of October 25, 2021, and was signed by Kraskoff. The certified mailing to PO Box 567, Woodburn, OR 97071 was returned to the Agency as unclaimed, unable to forward, return to sender. The mailings in the handwritten envelopes were not returned to the Agency.
- 1.3 The email was not returned as undeliverable. And per DocuSign Certificate of Completion, the *Notice of Intent* document was viewed by Kraskoff at 1:58PM on October 28, 2021.
 - 1.4 By email dated November 16, 2021, Kraskoff requested a hearing in this matter.
- 1.5 OREA file was forwarded to the Office of Administrative Hearings. A hearing date was set for December 13, 2022 through December 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

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- 1.6 On December 7, 2022, Kraskoff requested a motion to reschedule the hearing. The motion was granted by the ALJ on December 8, 2022.
- 1.7 A new hearing date was set for March 15, 2023, through March 16, 2023. Kraskoff.
- 1.8 On March 14, 2023, Kraskoff made several attempts to postpone the hearing. The ALJ failed to find good cause for each of the requests for postponement and denied Kraskoff's motions to postpone. Kraskoff did not appear for hearing as scheduled.
- 1.9 Copies of the entire investigation file are designated as the record for purposes of default, including any submission from respondent and all information in the administrative file relating to the mailing of notices and any responses received.

Based upon the foregoing and upon a review of the above described investigation reports, documents and files, the Real Estate Commissioner finds:

- Oregon Administrative Rule 863-001-0006 states, in part, that a notice of intent is properly served when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, addressed to the real estate licensee or to any other person having an interest in a proceeding before the Commissioner at the licensee's or other person's last known address of record with the Agency.
- 2.2 Kraskoff's last known address of record with the Agency was 8370 Redwood Ln NE, Woodburn, OR 97301.
- 2.3 A certified mailing of the notice of intent was mailed to Kraskoff at Kraskoff's last known address of record on October 21, 2021. (The notice of intent was received at Kraskoff's address of record on October 25, 2021.)
- 2.4 The mailing in the handwritten envelope has not been returned to the Agency. In accordance with ORS 40.135(1)(q), there is a presumption that the mailing properly addressed and placed with the U.S. Postal Service was delivered. That presumption has not been overcome by any evidence.
 - 2.5 Kraskoff is in default for failure to appear at the hearing as scheduled.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 3.1 At all times mentioned herein, Kraskoff was licensed as a real estate broker. Kraskoff's license has been associated with several registered business names during the events described below.
- 3.2 On January 3, 2017, the Agency received an inquiry from the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General. An investigation was opened and assigned case number 2017-5.
- 3.3 On June 30, 2020, the Agency received a complaint from Jeff Seeber against Kraskoff. A separate investigation was opened in regard to this complaint and assigned case number 2020-206.

Facts Related to Case #2017-5 Investigation:

- 3.4 On January 4, 2017, Vallerie Bush, with Regional Multiple Listing Service (RMLS) confirmed Kraskoff had listings and closed transactions from 2014 to 2017. During this period, Kraskoff's license had been affiliated with three registered business names (RBN): Real Estate Auctions.com, Artisan Realty Group, and Premier Property Group.
- 3.5 Agency records show that RBN RealEstate Auctions.com had been in void status since November 16, 2016. Kraskoff had been a broker with this RBN from December 23, 2013 through August 12, 2014. In a phone interview on March 1, 2017, Kraskoff explained she worked at RealEstateAuctions.com from approximately August 2014 to July 2015. Kraskoff reported a total of 12 closed transactions during her time at RealEstate Auctions.com.
- 3.6 Kraskoff had been a broker with Artisan Realty LLC from August 12, 2014 through April 3, 2015. This RBN was closed effective February 28, 2017. In her interview Kraskoff mentioned, regarding her switch from REalEstateAuctions.com to Artisan, that she had short notice to move her license and it "was stressful because I had active transactions at the time."
- 3.7 Kraskoff reported four of her transactions closed while working under Artisan Realty.
- 3.8 Kraskoff's license was associated with Premier Property Group (PPG) effective April 3, 2015. David Tangvald, Principal Broker PPG, provided Kraskoff's income data for

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commissions earned while working under that RBN. Documents indicated that all income had been reported under Kraskoff's social security number SSN1.

- 3.9 Documentation and reports provided from Kraskoff, escrow documents and PPG displayed the following earnings for Kraskoff
 - 2014 commissions estimated at \$73,523.00
 - 2015 income reported to IRS as \$141,720.90
 - 2016 income reported to IRS as \$165,818.77
- 3.10 Kraskoff was assigned two social security numbers (SSN1 and SSN2) by the Social Security Administration (SSA) as a child. Her parents completed the applications for these numbers using two variations of the family name: "Sharipoft" for SSN1 and "Sharipoff" for SSN2.
- 3.11 As an adult, Kraskoff did not inform SSA that she had obtained and was actively using two different social security numbers. She used both numbers for different purposes. SSN1 was used on her employment documents for wage reporting to the IRS. SSN2 was used to apply for and collect, benefits from various federal agencies.
- 3.12 A lump sum payment of \$39,082 had been reported to the IRS from Artisan Realty Group during the 2014 tax year for SSN1. The payee was listed as Anna Kraskoff and the payer was Artisan Realty Group of Sisters, Oregon.
- When asked about her employment with Artisan, Kraskoff told the SSA, "I have 3.13 no idea who they are." Additionally, Kraskoff did not report her home to SSA which is an asset in determining eligibility for SSA programs.
- 3.14 During a phone call on January 11, 2017, Clayton Teel, Investigator with Oregon Department of Human Services, notified the Agency that the Kraskoff family was receiving Medicaid benefits administered through the Oregon Health Plan. Benefits were awarded based off of reported financial need. Regarding these benefits, on November 3, 2014, Kraskoff submitted an application for Oregon Health Plan benefits based on reported family income of less than \$3,211 per month.
- 3.15 In September 2016, Kraskoff submitted to DHS an application for Oregon Health Plan benefits. The application contained the following:
 - On page 2, Kraskoff reported her social security number as SSN2.

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- On page 11, Kraskoff reported her husband Evan Kraskoff as the income source in their household.
 - Page 12 provided an area to report other income. Kraskoff wrote "N/A."
- Page 13 gave the opportunity to report income from other members of the household. Kraskoff wrote "N/A."
- Page 20 Kraskoff signed, under penalty of perjury that she provided true answers to all questions and dated the form September 12, 2016.
- 3.16 On January 3, 2018, Kraskoff was indicted on three counts of Theft of Government Funds.
- Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Rachel Sowray (Sowray) was assigned to 3.17 prosecute Kraskoff's case. Sowray informed the Agency of additional loss to the Department of Education occurring in 2016, when Kraskoff applied for PELL Grant funding for her son. If Kraskoff had reported her income, the educational funds would not have been disbursed.
- In February 2018, Sowray provided a summary of the losses the federal agencies sustained as discovered at that time:
 - Loss to Social Security Administration -\$19,496.50
 - Loss to Department of Health and Human Services -\$47,605.85
- Loss to the U.S. Department of Education -\$5,000.00 (The final judgment ordered restitution of\$16,637.00)
- In June 2018, Kraskoff was charged by Superseding Indictment with four counts of Theft of Government funds.
- 3.20 On October 16, 2020, a signed plea agreement was filed with the United States District Court, District of Oregon. In the plea agreement, Kraskoff pled guilty to Count 2 and the government dismissed the remaining counts at sentencing.
- 3.21 On April 13, 2021, the sentencing hearing was held and Kraskoff was convicted of Count 2 of Theft of Government Funds (18 U.S.C § 641). That same day, the Judgment was signed by the judge in the U.S District Court of Oregon. Kraskoff was sentenced to a fine with supervised probation for a term of three years. Restitution was ordered as follows:
 - \$47,605.85 to DHS
 - \$19,496.50 to SSA

• \$16,637.00 to DOE.

Kraskoff did not report this judgment to the Agency.

Facts Related to 2020-206 Investigation

3.22 Complainant Jeff Seeber (Seeber) was the owner of 7515 SW Mapleleaf in Portland (Mapleleaf).

3.23 Kraskoff's license was associated with Premiere Property Group (PPG) from November 3, 2015 until July 9, 2020. Her license was moved to EXP Realty, LLC where it remained until October 1, 2021, when her license expired for failure to renew during the month of September 2021. Kraskoff renewed her license late on October 1, 2021, and as of October 11, 2021, her license was not associated with a registered business name.

3.24 Per the Oregon Secretary of State records, Kraskoff was listed as the registered agent, organizer and sole member of Sun West Designs, LLC (Sun West).

 3.25 In June 2020, Seeber decided to sell Mapleleaf. Beth Fernandez (Fernandez) of PPG represented Seeber in the sale. It was suggested to do an exclusive listing due to Mapleleaf's condition and Seebers were not ready to list on RMLS.

3.26 Initially, Mapleleaf was marketed within the PPG office for \$290,000, but the price was lowered to \$225,000. On June 17, 2020, the same day the price was lowered, Kraskoff submitted a full price all cash offer on behalf of Sun West Designs LLC and/Assigns. According to Fernandez, Kraskoff presented the offer as if she was representing another party.

3.27 On June 26, 2020, Fernandez texted Kraskoff to inquire about the earnest money. Fernandez said it was Kraskoff's text response that made her realize Kraskoff was the buyer. Fernandez stated, "That was the first I knew she was actually the buyer. She didn't disclose it anywhere."

3.28 The Seebers were upset once they learned that Kraskoff was the buyer. Agency staff interviewed Seeber and asked if he heard or saw any communication that Kraskoff was a principal to the Mapleleaf transaction. Seeber said, "We were totally unaware."

3.29 Fernandez texted Kraskoff suggesting she disclose in writing she was a principal. When agency staff interviewed Kraskoff, she stated she did disclose being a principal, and said her disclosure was in conversation with Fernandez and later by text.

- 3.30 On June 19, 2020, Kraskoff texted Fernandez, writing the buyer was a local family who just closed on a sale and were looking to reinvest in a buy and hold rental.
- 3.31 Fernandez stated Kraskoff never said she was the buyer. According to Fernandez, it wasn't until after the offer was submitted that Kraskoff claimed she was the buyer.
- 3.32 During her interview, Kraskoff maintained she was not the initial buyer for Mapleleaf, but that she had an out of state partner investor named Justin.
- 3.33 In her written response to the Agency, Kraskoff did not mention a partner investor. She also failed to disclose that she stepped in as the buyer. Kraskoff wrote in part, "Our full intention was to purchase this property, working with the sellers on their move out timelines. At the end the decision was made that this project was just not for us, there are too many unknowns..."
- 3.34 On June 22, 2020, earnest money was due to be deposited by 5pm per the purchase and sale agreement. No earnest money was deposited on that date.
- 3.35 On June 26, 2020, six days after it was due, Kraskoff deposited the earnest money with escrow.
- 3.36 On June 23, 2020, Kraskoff created a posting on Craigslist.com under the real estate by owner category, offering Mapleleaf for sale.
- 3.37 The Agency issued a Subpoena to Craigslist requesting a full copy of the advertisement and posting record. The phone number and email address shown on the posting record for the Craigslist add match the phone number and email address Kraskoff entered on her license record with the Agency.
- 3.38 When asked during her interview if she knew anything about the Craigslist ad for Mapleleaf, Kraskoff said, "No I don't. I had nothing to do with any of that."
- 3.39 After the offer to purchase, Kraskoff had many long appointments to view Mapleleaf, allegedly to bring contractors by the house. There were multiple appointments for several hours.
- 3.40 Seeber witnessed several well dressed people being brought by the house on two different occasions and there was no indication any of them were contractors. There was no logo or business marking on the vehicles indicating it was related to any business.

- 3.41 Fernandez asked Kraskoff to provide copies of any repair estimates received, but Kraskoff failed to respond.
- 3.42 In her written response to the Agency, Kraskoff wrote about multiple contractors viewing the property and referenced "GC" in multiple instances. During her interview, Kraskoff said the "GC" mentioned in her written response was her husband. Kraskoff didn't receive any written bids or repair bids. She said her husband wrote notes down from pictures but nothing concrete. Also, according to Kraskoff, friends who were contractors stopped in to provide some general ideas or rough estimates that were given over the phone.
- 3.43 Kraskoff had scheduled appointments for contractor bids, however Seeber's statement and observations and factors listed below are evidence that the long appointment blocks were in fact showings for prospective buyers without Seeber's prior knowledge or permission: 1) there were unmarked, non-commercial appearing vehicles parked at the property for the appointments; 2) the parties were well-dressed and did not appear to be tradespeople providing bids for work but rather prospective buyers viewing the property; 3) no written estimates or repair bids were provided following these appointments or upon the Agency's request during the investigation; and 4) that Kraskoff placed an undisclosed ad on Craigslist offering the property for sale.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. By using two social security numbers (SSNs), SSN1 for reporting her income as a broker, and SSN2 to fraudulently apply for, obtain, and actively use benefits from federal agencies, Kraskoff committed an act of fraud and engaged in dishonest conduct substantially related to Kraskoff's fitness to conduct professional real estate activity in violation of ORS 696.301(14) (2013-2017 editions). Kraskoff's conduct was substantially related to her fitness to conduct professional real estate activity because she knowingly used a different SSN to conceal her earnings from professional real estate activity.
- 2. By failing to report \$39,082 earnings received from Artisan Realty LLC in 2014 to the SSA; by failing to report her home as an asset to the SSA; and by falsely stating to the SSA she had no idea who Artisan Realty was when asked, Kraskoff fraudulently received \$19,496.85 in benefits she did not qualify for. Kraskoff's conduct constitutes

- an act of fraud and dishonest conduct in violation of ORS 696.301(14) (2013 edition). Kraskoff's conduct was substantially related to her fitness to conduct professional real estate activity because she knowingly concealed earnings from professional real estate activity and personal assets, and because she made false statements regarding her own professional real estate business.
- 3. By failing to report her earnings from professional real estate activity to the SSA and by falsely attesting on applications for SSA benefits a that the information on her applications was accurate, Kraskoff fraudulently received \$47,505.85 in benefits. Kraskoff's conduct constitutes an act of fraud and dishonest conduct in violation of 696.301(14) (2013 and 2015 Edition). Kraskoff's conduct was substantially related to her fitness to conduct professional real estate activity because she knowingly concealed her earnings from professional real estate activity and made false statements on applications for SSA benefits regarding her real estate earnings.
- 4. By failing to report her earnings from professional real estate activity to the U.S. Department of Education, Kraskoff fraudulently received \$16,367.00 in Pell grants. Kraskoff's conduct constitutes an act of fraud and dishonest conduct in violation of 696.301(14) (2013 and 2015 Edition). Kraskoff's conduct was substantially related to her fitness to conduct professional real estate activity because she knowingly concealed her earnings from professional real estate activity and made false statements on applications for SSA benefits regarding her real estate earnings.
- 5. By failing to report her conviction of Theft of Government Funds (18 U.S.C §641) within twenty calendar days, Kraskoff violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-015-0175(1)(a),(b),(c), and OAR 863-015-0175(4); (1-1-21 Edition).
- 6. By failing to disclose being a Principal in the transaction on the June 17, 2020, offer to purchase the Mapleleaf property, Kraskoff acted as an agent and undisclosed principal in violation of ORS 696.301(5),(12),(14) and (15) (2019 Editions). Additionally, Kraskoff violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.810(2)(a) (2019 Edition) and OAR 863-015-0145(1) (1-1-20 Edition).
- 7. Kraskoff communicated to the listing agent on the Mapleleaf transaction that the buyer was a local family. In a written statement to the Agency Kraskoff stated her full intention

was to purchase Mapleleaf, yet in a later interview she reported to the Agency the buyer was an individual from another state. By making multiple representations regarding her involvement on the Mapleleaf transaction, Kraskoff violated ORS 696.301(12),(14), and (15) (2019 Editions). She also violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates 696.810(2)(a)(c) (2019 Edition). Licensee's statements were made in the course of professional real estate activity and demonstrated dishonest conduct and bad faith in dealing with agents and other principals in the transaction.

- 8. By depositing the earnest money on the Mapleleaf transaction six days after it was due, Kraskoff violated ORS 696.301(12),(14), and(15) (2019 Editions). Kraskoff also violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates 696.810(2)(a) (2019 Edition). Licensee's conduct demonstrated untrustworthiness and lack of good faith in dealing with agents and other principals in the transaction.
- 9. By listing the Mapleleaf property on Craigslist.com and offering it for sale, Kraskoff violated 696.301(1),(4),(6),(12),(14), and (15) (2019 Edition). Kraskoff also violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-015-0125(2)(a),(b) (1-1-20 Edition). Kraskoff's conduct created a reasonable probability of damage or injury to a potential buyer because at the time of the Craigslist listing Kraskoff was not the legal owner and did not have a right to transfer title to the property.
- 10. By asking the Seebers to vacate the property so she could get repair bids, but using that time to show the property to prospective buyers, Kraskoff violated ORS 696.301(12),(14),(15) (2019 Editions) and ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates 696.810(2)(a)(c) (2019 Edition). Kraskoff's conduct demonstrated dishonesty, untrustworthiness and lack of good faith in dealing with agents and principals in a real estate transaction.
- 11. The material facts established that Kraskoff's conduct resulted in significant damage and injury to multiple agencies that provided benefits to Kraskoff when she misrepresented her earnings in order to obtain those benefits. Kraskoff's conduct in connection with the facts above demonstrated incompetence in the performance of professional real estate activity and dishonestly and fraudulent conduct. Revocation of

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1	Kraskoff's real estate license is an appropriate sanction under ORS 696.396(2)(c)(A),
2	(B) and (C).
3	12. Licensee is in default for failure to appear at the hearing as scheduled.
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5	ORDER
6	Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Kraskoff's broker license is
7	revoked. Revocation of Kraskoff's license is appropriate even if one or more of the violations
8	above are reversed or remanded on appeal.
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22	NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial
23	review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the date of service of
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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Unlicensed Professional 5 Real Estate Activity of STIPULATED FINAL ORDER AND ORDER 6 **REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENTS &** 7 TO CEASE AND DESIST 8 ESCROW, LLC 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC 11 (RESE) do hereby agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENTS OF LAW 13 AND **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 14 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, RESE was not licensed to conduct professional 1.1 20 real estate activity in Oregon. 21 1.2 In October 2022, the Agency received information from the Oregon Division of 22 Financial Regulation that RESE was conducting escrow activity in Oregon without a license. 23 The Agency opened an investigation. 24 1.3 In 2020, RESE was involved in five refinance transactions on Oregon properties 25 in which RESE was identified as the settlement agent. 26 1.4 On February 7, 2023, Agency Financial Investigator/Auditor John Moore (Moore) 27 received an email from Moe Kazin (Kazin) that identifies that for each of the five transactions, 28 RESE was the closing coordinator and sent broker/vendor funds and payoff funds. Kazin 29 admitted that money would come to RESE, and it would be held in their escrow account until 30 directed to pay it out.

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Statement of Law: ORS 696.511(1) states a person may not directly or indirectly engage in or carry on, or purport to engage in or carry on, within this state, the business of an escrow agent, or act in the capacity of an escrow agent, unless the person holds an active license as an escrow agent under the provisions of ORS 696.505 to 696.590. ORS 696.505(6) defines "escrow agent" as a person who engages in the business of receiving escrows for deposit or delivery and who receives or is promised compensation, whether contingent or otherwise, for or in anticipation of performance. ORS 696.505(5) defines "escrow" as a transaction in which any written instrument, money, evidence of title to real or personal property or other thing of value is delivered, for the purpose of paying an obligation or effecting the sale, transfer, encumbrance or lease of real or personal property, to a person who does not otherwise have a right, title or interest in the real or personal property, to be held by that person as a neutral third party until a specified event happens or a prescribed condition is performed, when the written instrument, money, evidence of title or other thing of value is to be delivered by the neutral third party to a grantee, grantor, promisee, promisor, obligee, obligor, bailee, bailor or any agent or employee of any of them pursuant to the written instructions of the principals to the transaction. ORS 696.590(1)(a)(b) states: (1) Any person who violates ORS 696.511(1) may be required by the Real Estate Commissioner to forfeit and pay to the General Fund of the State Treasury a civil penalty in an amount determined by the commissioner of: (a) Not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for the first offense of unlicensed professional escrow activity; and (b) Not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000 for the second and subsequent offenses of unlicensed professional escrow activity.

Conclusion of Law: RESE acted as an escrow agent during the refinancing of the five properties located in Oregon without an active escrow agent license, in violation of ORS 696.511(1) (2019 Edition). RESE is subject to a civil penalty under ORS 696.590(1)(a)(b).

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

STIPULATION AND WAIVER

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 I, Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC, 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 Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC 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, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC agrees that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.577, Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC immediately cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in the business of an escrow agent as defined in ORS 696.505(5) and (6) (2019 Edition) unless Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC first obtains an escrow license from the Agency. The Commissioner's authority for this order is under ORS 696.577.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.585 or 696.590 and based upon the violation set forth above, Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC pay a civil penalty in the sum of \$500.00, said penalty to be paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to the Agency. IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: DocuSigned by: DocuSigned by: Steven Strode MOE KAZIN, CEO STEVEN STRODE Real Estate Settlements & Escrow, LLC Real Estate Commissioner Date 4/26/2023 | 1:50 PM CDT Date 4/27/2023 | 7:53 AM PDT Date of Service: ___04/27/2023

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 ANGELA MARRIE ROWLAND 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Angela Rowland (Rowland) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 **First Findings of Fact:** 17 1.1 Rowland is licensed as a broker with the Agency. Her license was initially 18 associated with KW Capital City on September 27, 2016. On March 28, 2018, Rowland's license 19 became disassociated with KW Capital City, and then on March 28, 2019, her license was 20 reassociated with KW Capital City. On March 11, 2020, Rowland's license was disassociated from 21 KW Capital City. Rowland's license later was associated with a different registered business name 22 and on March 4, 2022, her license was disassociated from it and Rowland's license became 23 inactive. On September 1, 2022, Rowland's license expired and currently remains expired. 24 1.2 On January 10, 2022, the Agency received a complaint from Jennifer Woodward 25 (Woodward) against Rowland and an investigation was opened. 26 1.3 Rowland represented Woodward in a transaction to purchase property located at 27 521 Inverness Dr, Salem OR 97306 (subject property) in March 2019. Dan Enos (Enos) was the 28 seller's broker in the transaction. The transaction went under contract on March 28, 2019. 29 On March 28, 2019, Enos emailed Rowland. The email appears to show that Enos 30 submitted the seller's property disclosures to Rowland along with the signed sale agreement. The

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same email thread showed Enos sent Rowland an email on April 8, 2019, to follow up with her, as he had not received the signed seller's property disclosures from her.

- 1.5 On April 9, 2019, Rowland emailed Enos stating Woodward had asked for clarification on four questions that arose from the seller's property disclosures. Enos responded later that day, with what he thought might have happened. Rowland then emailed Enos requesting that the sellers correct their answers and resend the property disclosures.
- 1.6 Enos emailed Rowland, later that evening, stating the sellers did not need to make corrections if they didn't want to, as the five-business day period applied.
 - 1.7 Per the Seller's Property Disclosure, Lines 32-34 states in part:
 - "Buyer has five business days from the seller's delivery of this seller's disclosure statement to revoke buyer's offer by delivering buyer's separate signed written statement of revocation to the seller disapproving the seller's disclosure statement, unless buyer waives this right at or prior to entering into a sale agreement."
- 1.8 Based on a delivery date to Rowland of March 28, 2019, for the Seller's Property Disclosure Statement, the written statement of revocation would have been due to the sellers on April 4, 2019.
- 1.9 According to Woodward, she received the seller's property disclosures during the inspection period. A review of the sale agreement showed the inspection period was five business days. The inspection period for the subject property transaction would have been between March 28, 2019, and April 4, 2019.
 - 1.10 On April 12, 2019, Woodward signed a Termination Agreement.
- 1.11 Woodward could not recall when she instructed Rowland to submit a written statement of revocation disapproving the seller's disclosure statement.
- 1.12 Dated June 19, 2019, in a promissory note in which Rowland agreed to compensate Woodward, Rowland stated in part the following, "Due to my failure of sending Sellers [sic] agent an unconditional disapproval before the inspection period ended and sending termination. I will pay Jennifer out of escrow from our next pending future transaction that I represent her as a realtor."
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By failing to draft a termination agreement for the buyer within the time frame specified in the Seller's Property Disclosure Statement and/or by failing to inform Woodward of the specific time frame to terminate the transaction as specified in the Seller's

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Property Disclosure Statement Rowland violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.810(2)(b) and ORS 696.810(3)(a) (2019 Edition).

- 1.13 On April 3, 2019, the inspection occurred. That same day Addendum A was signed by Woodward requesting to extend the inspection period to April 9, 2019. The addendum was signed by the sellers on April 6, 2019.
- 1.14 On April 9, 2019, the Buyer's Repair Addendum was signed by Woodward. The sellers declined to perform the repairs and signed the addendum the same day.
- 1.15 On April 9, 2019, Addendum B was signed by Woodward at 4:48pm. In the addendum, Woodward requested to extend the inspection period to April 10, 2019. The sellers declined to extend the inspection period and signed the addendum on April 10, 2019.
- 1.16 In Enos' email he stated Addendum B was not delivered until 4:50PM on April 9, 2019, which did not allow enough time to respond and referenced lines 189-192 of the sales agreement.
 - 1.17 According to the sales contract, Line 189 states in part:
 - "If Buyer fails to provide Seller with written unconditional disapproval of any inspection report(s) by 5:00P.M. of the final day of the Inspection Period, Buyer shall be deemed to have accepted the condition of the Property. Note that if, prior to the expiration of the Inspection Period, written agreement is reached with Seller regarding Buyer's requested repairs, the Inspection Period shall automatically terminate, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing."
 - 1.18 Rowland did not provide a written unconditional disapproval of the inspection report to Enos by the end of the extended inspection date of April 9, 2019.
- (2) Conclusion of Law: Rowland failed to draft a written unconditional disapproval of the inspection report and deliver to the seller's agent within the time frame specified in the Purchase and Sale Agreement in violation of ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates ORS 696.810(2)(b) and ORS 696.810(3)(a) (2019 Edition).
- 1.19 John Ford was the principal broker in charge at Keller Williams Capital City during this transaction. Ford stated he did not receive any paperwork from Rowland relating to this transaction.

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- (3) Conclusion of Law: By not submitting any transaction documents relating to the subject property to her principal broker, Rowland violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-015-0250(2) (1-1-2019 Edition).
- 1.20 On April 12, 2019, Woodward signed a Termination Agreement. The Termination Agreement instructed the escrow agent to disburse the \$5,000 earnest money to the buyer. The sellers did not sign it.
- 1.21 On April 12, 2019, the sellers signed a counter Termination Agreement instructing the escrow agent to disburse the \$5,000 earnest money to the sellers. Woodward did not sign it.
- 1.22 On June 5, 2019, the sellers signed a Termination Agreement instructing the escrow agent to disburse the earnest money evenly, with \$2,500.00 going to the sellers and \$2,500.00 to the buyer. Woodward signed the agreement on June 19, 2019.
- 1.23 On June 19, 2019, Rowland signed a promissory note in which she promised to pay Woodward \$2,500.00 in compensation for the loss of Woodward's earnest money. In her interview with Agency Financial Investigator/Auditor Cidia Nañez (Nañez) on April 22, 2022, Woodward stated she was still trying to collect the \$2,500.00 Rowland promised to pay her.
- 1.24 In her complaint, Woodward stated that Rowland promised to pay her \$2,500.00 if Woodward would release the \$2,500.00 to the sellers.
- 1.25 On August 7, 2020, through the Circuit Court of Marion County- Small Claims Department, a judgment was awarded to Woodward against Rowland for a total of \$2,837.00 (which consisted of a \$2,500 money award, \$225 prejudgment interest and \$112.00 costs and service expense). Rowland failed to report the adverse judgment to the Agency as required.
- (4) Conclusion of Law: By failing to report the adverse judgment to the Agency, Rowland violated ORS 696.301(3) as it incorporates OAR 863-015-0175(1)(b) (1-1-2019 Edition).
- 1.26 Agency records received April 27, 2023, show Rowland ultimately submitted payment to Woodward in the amount of \$2,837.00 with cashier's check #1110743486 dated September 30, 2022.
- 1.27 All of the above demonstrates conduct below the standard of care for the practice of professional real estate activity in Oregon and incompetence or untrustworthiness in performing acts for which Rowland is required to hold a license.

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(5) **Conclusion of Law:** Based on the foregoing, Licensee is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(12) and (15) (2019 Edition).

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- 2.1 The forgoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding the licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Angela Rowland, 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 Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 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.

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Escrow Agent License of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER SANTIAM ESCROW, INC 6 7 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Santiam Escrow, Inc (SEI) 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 696.505. 18 First Findings of Fact: 19 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, SEI was licensed as an escrow agent in Oregon. 20 1.2 On February 15, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from Arden Lynn Aker 21 (Aker) against SEI. The Agency opened an investigation. 22 1.3 Aker stated in the complaint that SEI failed to make payments and provide an 23 accounting from November 2022 through February 2023. 24 1.4 Aker filed a previous complaint against SEI for the same issue on September 13, 25 2022. The Agency issued SEI an Educational Letter of Advice as a result of the previous 26 investigation. 27 1.5 On February 21, 2023, the Agency received a response from James Templin 28 (Templin), CSCEO of Santiam Escrow. Templin confirmed the accuracy of the complaint and 29 stated that he had sent the payment to Aker along with the requested accounting. 30

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- 1.6 On February 24, 2023, Templin submitted to the Agency copies of the check issued to Aker for the missing payments.
- 1.7 On March 29, 2023, Agency Investigator, Dylan Ray (Ray), had a telephone conversation with Aker who confirmed that all funds and accounting documents had been received.
- 1.8 On March 29, 2023, Ray, had a telephone conversation with Templin and asked what had happened to cause this issue again. Templin stated that he was working with their IT team to add "void after 90 days" to their checks and during that process Aker's payments got lost in the shuffle. Templin also stated that the payments are now automated.

Statement of Law: ORS 696.581(2) (2021 Edition) states except as provided in this section, an escrow agent must follow dated, written escrow instructions executed by the principals or a dated executed written agreement between the principals to a transaction. OAR 863-050-0015 states except as otherwise provided in ORS 696.581, an escrow agent must use documents or other property deposited in escrow only in accordance with the dated written instructions of the principals to the escrow transactions or pursuant to court order. ORS 696.535(h) states the real estate Commissioner may reprimand an escrow agent who is licensed, if the escrow agent failed to deliver within a reasonable time to persons entitled to receive funds, property or documents or other things of value held or agreed to be delivered by the licensee, as and when paid for and due to be delivered.

<u>Conclusion of Law:</u> By failing to make payments and provide requested accounting documentation, SEI violated ORS 696.581(2) and OAR 863-050-0015 and is subject to a reprimand per ORS 696.535(h).

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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, SEI, 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 SEI. I further understand that if SEI does not agree with this stipulation SEI has 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 SEI freely and voluntarily waive SEI rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

SEI hereby agrees and stipulates 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, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, SEI agrees that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, SEI will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.535 and based upon the violation(s) set forth above, SEI's license be, and hereby is reprimanded.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

IT IS SO ORDERED:

By SINTIM ESCROW, IM.

James Templin

CSCEO

Date 4/27/2023 | 10:10 AM PDT

DATE of service: 04/27/2023

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Steven Strode

Real Estate Commissioner

Date 4/27/2023 | 10:53 AM PDT

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Unlicensed Professional Real Estate Activity of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER AND ORDER 6 7 CHRISTY MARIE WARNER TO CEASE AND DESIST 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Christy Warner (Warner) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT, STATEMENTS OF LAW 13 AND **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 14 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, Warner was not licensed to conduct professional 1.1 20 real estate activity in Oregon. 21 1.2 On October 25, 2022, Kathryn King (King) filed a complaint with the Agency 22 against Warner stating that Warner is a former employee of King's company KJK Properties 23 P.C. (KJK) and Warner is representing clients that have left KJK without a license. 24 1.3 King included in the complaint a rental advertisement listing Warner as the 25 contact. 26 1.4 An investigation was opened and assigned to Agency Investigator/Financial 27 Auditor Lindsey Nunes. On December 28, 2022, Warner stated in an email to Nunes, that in September 28 1.5 29 2022 she started working part time for a property owner previously managed by KJK. Her 30

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29 30 duties include scheduling and coordinating access for maintenance and repairs and answering phones.

Statement of Law:

ORS 696.020(2) states an individual may not engage in, carry on, advertise or purport to engage in or carry on professional real estate activity, or act in the capacity of a real estate licensee, within this state unless the individual holds an active license as provided for in this chapter. ORS 696.010(17)(h) defines professional real estate activity as any of the following actions, when engaged in for another and for compensation or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise of receiving or collecting compensation, by any person who: (h) Engages in management of rental real estate.

ORS 696.010(14)(a)(A)(G) and (H) defines management of rental real estate activity as any of the following actions, when engaged in for another and for compensation or with the intention or in the expectation or upon the promise of receiving or collecting compensation, by any person who: (a) Represents the owner of real estate under a property management agreement in the rental or lease of the real estate and includes but is not limited to: (A) Advertises the real estate for rent or lease; (G) Represents the owner in inspection or repair of the real estate; and (H) Contracts for repair or remodeling of the real estate.

ORS 696.990(4)(a): (4) Any person that violates ORS 696.020(2) may be required by the Real Estate Commissioner to forfeit and pay to the General Fund of the State Treasury a civil penalty in an amount determined by the commissioner of:

(a) Not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense of unlicensed professional real estate activity.

Conclusion of Law: By representing a property owner in the advertising, scheduling and coordinating access for maintenance and repairs and answering phones with the possibility that the call is a potential applicant, Warner engaged in the management of rental real estate, as described in ORS 696.010(14)(a)(A)(G) and (H), and as such, engaged in professional real estate activity described in ORS 696.010(17)(h) without a license, which is a violation of ORS 696.020(2) (2021 Edition). Warner is subject to a civil penalty under ORS 696.990(4)(a) (2019 Edition).

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 individual.

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STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Christy Warner, 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 Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.397, Christy Warner immediately cease and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 696.010(17)(a) to (n) (2021 Edition) unless Warner first obtains a real estate license from the Agency. The Commissioner's authority for this order is under ORS 696.397.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.990 and based upon the violation set forth above, Warner pay a civil penalty in the sum of \$250.00, said penalty to be paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to the Agency.

II IS SO STIPULATED:	II IS SO ORDERED:
DocuSigned by:	Steven Strode
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	Real Estate Commissioner
Date 3/17/2023 7:34 PM PDT	Date 3/20/2023 8:04 AM PDT

Date of Service: 03/20/2023

REAL ESTATE BOARD REGULATION DIVISION REPORT June 5, 2023

Regulation Division Manager: Elli Kataura

Compliance Specialist 3s (Senior Case Analyst): Meghan Lewis, Hani Ghamrawi

Financial Investigators (Investigator-Auditor): Lindsey Nunes, Aaron Grimes, Cidia Nañez, John Moore, Frank

Leonard, Dylan Ray

Administrative Specialist 2 (Case Resolution Coordinator: Amanda Moser

Division Overview

The Agency receives complaints and determines if an investigation is appropriate. Open cases are assigned to investigators to gather facts (from interviews and documents), prepare a detailed written report and submit for Administrative Review. The Senior Case Analysts conducting the Administrative Review work evaluate whether the evidence supports a violation of Agency statutes or administrative rules. When a case finds sufficient cause to sanction a license, the case is elevated to the Commissioner for review. When the Commissioner assesses a sanction, the Senior Case Analysts conduct a settlement conference to resolve cases without a contested case hearing. If the respondent requests a hearing, the Investigator works with the Assistant Attorney General in preparing for and presenting the case at hearing.

Personnel

The vacant Case Resolution Coordinator position has been filled by external applicant Amanda Moser. Amanda joins the Agency on June 1st, leaving her role as a Case Coordinator in the Investigations and Compliance Department of the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

Workload and Activity Indicators

Average # in this status at the time	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	2022	Current 5/17/23
Complaint	36	27	24	34	26
Investigation	41	43	46	28	36
(# of Investigators)	7	7	7	6	6
Admin Review	29	47	5	5	2
Settlement Process	49	57	8	6	2

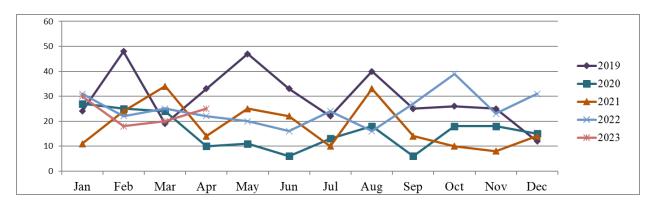
Report to the Real Estate Board Land Development Division June 6th, 2023

Division Manager: Michael Hanifin

Section Overview:

The Land Development Division reviews and approves filings related to condominiums, timeshares, subdivisions, manufactured home subdivisions, and membership campgrounds. The section reviews and approves the foundational documents creating these types of properties, as well as later amendments to those documents, to verify compliance with statutory requirements. We also issue the Disclosure Statement (sometimes referred to as a Public Report) required for sales of these interests to Oregonians. The Disclosure Statement summarizes key information about the condominium for the consumer, somewhat like the owner's manual for a car.

Workload and Activity Indicators



We've had 93 filings through end of April this year, which is 7 less than was we saw through end of April last year.

Rulemaking:

No rulemaking in process at this time.

2023 Legislative Session Update:

The current legislative session is nearing completion. Constitutional Sine Die is June 25th. At the last board meeting we noted five bills we've been tracking. The status of those bills is updated below.

ORS Chapter 696:

SB 909 – Relating to limited liability companies.

Summary: Updates and modernizes laws that govern formation, governance, operations and conversion of limited liability companies in this state and relations among members, managers and third parties with respect to limited liability companies in this state. (No impact.)

Status: Dead (failed to meet the first work session deadline)

HB 3092 – Relating to residential property wholesaling.

Summary: Creates residential property wholesaler registration.

Status: Passed with -1 amendment and referred to Ways and Means. – No change since last report.

ORS Chapter 100:

SB 316 - Relating to correction of erroneous material in Oregon Law.

Summary: This bill makes non-substantive technical changes.

Status: Enrolled

SB 847 – Relating to property.

Summary: This bill has multiple affects on development of real property and does touch on chapter 100 because it reinforces limitations on local government review of the condominium form of ownership.

Status: Referred to Ways and Means on April 10th.

HB 3342 – Relating to condominiums.

Summary: Restricts ability for public bodies other than Real Estate Agency to regulate or condition properties based on submission to condominium form of ownership. This bill's provisions related to condominiums are very similar to those found in SB 847.

Status: Dead (failed to meet the first work session deadline)

AGENDA ITEM NO. VIII.B.3.

REAL ESTATE BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT June 5, 2023

Administrative Services Manager: Mesheal Heyman

Accountant: Caty Karayel

Systems Administrator: Tiffani Miller Program Analyst: Rus Putintsev IT Helpdesk: Denise Lewis

Section Overview

The Administrative Services Division acts as business support for the Agency overall. This division manages accounting, purchasing and contracting, inventory control, facilities, payroll, human resources, special projects, information technology (IT), performance, and communications.

Budget Update

As of the end of April, our projected revenue for the 2021-2023 biennium is \$10.4 million, with projected expenses at \$9.1 million. Our cash balance estimate is \$6.8 million.

Revenue/Economic Outlook

The Agency has an average a monthly surplus of about \$56,500 for the biennium.

At the end of April, we had **25,153 licensees**. This is a 1% decline from the record number of licensees in April 2022.

The number of new licensees issued each month, although down from the high of last year, has remained steady since the beginning of 2023.

Accounting

The Oregon Real Estate Agency has earned the Gold Star Certificate for the 2022 fiscal year. The Gold Star Certificate is given by the state's Chief Financial Office to state agencies that provide accurate and complete fiscal year end information in a timely manner. The Agency's participation is important in the timely preparation of Oregon's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the statewide Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Our accountant Caty Karayel was instrumental in meeting the criteria for the award.

Communications

We are on track to complete the move of our website to the new SharePoint platform by the June 30th deadline.

We continue to work with the project manager for the eLicense replacement project. Our program analyst Rus Putintsev played a large role in gathering requirements for the new system.

Real Estate Agency - AY23 2021-2023 Budget - Biennium to Date through June 30th 2023

Budget Codes		21-2023 LAB	Expected Total Expenditures for Biennium (current)	Expected Remaining Limitation at end of Biennium
	Total Personal Services	7,514,785	7,384,425	130,360
4100 & 4125	In-State Travel & Out-of-StateTravel	103,008	39,598	63,410
4150	Employee Training	38,585	48,751	(10,166)
4175	Office Expenses	56,611	73,032	(16,421)
4200	Telecom/Tech Services & Support	67,400	72,544	(5,144)
4225	State Government Services	336,730	381,093	(44,363)
4250	Data Processing	113,997	99,593	14,404
4275	Publicity & Publications	38,297	6,439	31,858
4300 & 4315	Professional Services & IT Professional Services	348,043	198,277	149,766
4325	Attorney General Legal Fees	330,963	344,452	(13,489)
4375	Employee Recruitment	8,081	250	7,831
4400	Dues & Subscriptions	9,987	6,418	3,569
4425	Facilities Rent & Taxes	265,559	251,289	14,270
4475	Facilities Maintenance	4,713	8,453	(3,740)
4575	Agency Program Related S&S	942,499	759,666	182,833
4650	Other Services & Supplies	4,097	186,021	(181,924)
4700	Expendable Property \$250-\$5000	30,401	6,711	23,690
4715	IT Expendable Property	149,523	33,492	116,031
	Total Services & Supplies	2,848,494	2,516,079	332,415
	Totals	10,363,279	9,900,504	462,775

REAL ESTATE BOARD EDUCATION & LICENSING DIVISION REPORT June 5, 2023

Education & Licensing Manager: Madeline Alvarado

Compliance Specialist: Tami Schemmel, Nenah Darville, Katie Nash

Administrative Specialist: Elizabeth Hardwick, Kaely Salem, Rick Marsland

Division Overview

The Education and Licensing Division acts as the first point of contact for the public. This division manages reception, licensing services, compliance reviews, client trust account reviews and education.

Personnel

The Division is currently in the process of recruiting an Administrative Specialist 1, the receptionist position.

Education Update

Pre-license education providers must renew on or before June 30th.

Licensing Update

For the month of April, complaint processing averaged 12 days.

Upcoming

Reminder: The Agency would like to remind the Board we'll begin creating the new 2024-2025 LARRC outline this summer.

RBN Renewal

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Eligible to Renew	414	321	352	348								
Failed to Renew	13	13	14	27								
% Renewed	97%	96%	96%	92%								

Licensing Statistics

Total Licensee Counts by Month:

Individuals (Persons)	<u>Mar-23</u>	<u>Apr-23</u>
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Broker – Total	17,871	17,867
Active	15,991	16,013
Inactive	1,880	1,854
Principal Broker - Total	6,277	6,277
Active	5,873	5,861
Inactive	404	416
ALL BROKERS Total	24,148	24,144
Active	21,864	21,874
Inactive	2,284	2,270
Property Manager - Total	986	990
Active	870	875
Inactive	116	115
MCC Salesperson	20	19
MCC Broker	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	25,154	25,153
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS Active	25,154 22,754	25,153 22,768
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Active	22,754	22,768
Active	22,754	22,768
Active Inactive	22,754	22,768
Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name	22,754 2,400 5	22,768 2,385 5
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Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association	22,754 2,400 5 3,772 797 86 170 388	22,768 2,385 5 3,761 800 86 172 405
Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education	22,754 2,400 5 3,772 797 86 170 388 829	22,768 2,385 5 3,761 800 86 172 405 829
Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP) CEP	22,754 2,400 5 3,772 797 86 170 388 829 26	22,768 2,385 5 3,761 800 86 172 405 829 26
Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP)	22,754 2,400 5 3,772 797 86 170 388 829 26 287	22,768 2,385 5 3,761 800 86 172 405 829 26 291
Active Inactive Facilities (Companies) REMO Registered Business Name (RBN) Registered Branch Office (RBO) Escrow Organization Escrow Branch Condominium Filing (CO) Unit Owners Association Pre-License Education Provider (PEP) CEP MCC Operator	22,754 2,400 5 3,772 797 86 170 388 829 26 287 25	22,768 2,385 5 3,761 800 86 172 405 829 26 291 25

New Licenses by Month:

Individuals (Persons)	Mar-23	Apr-23
Broker	121	155
Principal Broker	12	13
TOTAL BROKERS	133	168
Property Manager	10	10
MCC Salesperson	0	0
MCC Broker	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	143	178
Facilities (Companies)		
Continuing Education		
Provider (CEP)	4	3
REMO	0	0
Registered Business Name	29	32
Registered Branch Office	16	7
Escrow Organization	1	1
Escrow Branch	1	2
Condominium Filing	0	0
Unit Owners Association	8	9
Pre-License Ed Provider	0	0
MCC Operator	0	0
TOTAL FACILITIES	55	51
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS & FACILITIES	198	229

Exam Statistics April 2023

Total ALL LICENSING EXAMS

Broker	439
Property Manager	26
Principal Broker	55
Reactivation	3

Pass Rates

First Time Pass Rate	<u>2019</u>	<u> 2020</u>	<u> 2021</u>	<u> 2022</u>	<u> 2023</u>
<u>Percentage</u>					
Broker State	57	50	47	44	42
Broker National	70	68	67	66	65
Principal Broker State	51	53	57	54	52
Principal Broker National	69	63	55	65	55
Property Manager	64	58	66	65	65
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Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2023 Data

	New Applications													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Brokers</u>	262	211	275	209									<u>957</u>	
Principal Brokers	37	24	37	16									<u>114</u>	
Property Managers	26	26	35	24									<u>111</u>	
Total	325	261	347	249									1182	

Renewal Activity														
<u>Brokers</u>		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	482	509	544	527									2062
	Inactive	42	28	30	29									129
Late	Active	74	48	50	52									224
	Inactive	12	8	13	12									45
Lapse		111	104	120	121									456
<u>Total</u>		721	697	757	741									2916

Principal Brokers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	206	175	212	230									823
	Inactive	20	12	7	10									49
Late	Active	13	6	9	10									38
	Inactive	2	3	1	3									9
Lapse		21	27	27	29									104
<u>Total</u>		262	223	256	282									1023

Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2023 Data

Property Managers	_	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
On Time	Active	35	29	35	26									125
	Inactive	3	1	1	3									8
Late	Active	3	2	0	2									7
	Inactive	2	1	0	0									3
Lapse		5	5	11	9									30
<u>Total</u>		48	38	47	40									173

Grand Total (Brokers, Principal	al Brokers, Prop	erty Manag	gers)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
Total Eligible to Renew		1031	958	1060	1063									4112
On Time	Active	723	713	791	783									3010
	Inactive	65	41	38	42									186
Late	Active	90	56	59	64									269
	Inactive	16	12	14	15									57
Total Renewed		894	822	902	904									3522
Lapse		137	136	158	159									590

<u>% On Time</u>	76.4%	78.7%	78.2%	77.6%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	77.7%
<u>% Late</u>	10.3%	7.1%	6.9%	7.4%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	7.9%
% Failed to Renew (Lapsed)	13.3%	14.2%	14.9%	15.0%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	14.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2022 Data

				New .	Application	<u>18</u>							
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
Brokers	398	336	412	318	291	292	226	268	294	227	205	187	<u>3454</u>
Principal Brokers	47	32	42	25	22	23	33	28	28	25	32	18	<u>355</u>
Property Managers	20	35	30	33	23	21	23	22	29	25	32	15	<u>308</u>
<u>Total</u>	465	403	484	376	336	336	282	318	351	277	269	220	4117

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Brokers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	491	517	535	527	608	569	559	569	571	571	500	533	6550
	Inactive	49	40	36	36	49	32	36	34	31	43	32	44	462
Late	Active	44	42	60	50	66	52	52	64	54	59	67	49	659
	Inactive	13	10	6	13	12	10	7	9	11	7	10	13	121
Lapse		128	104	123	107	120	117	131	90	141	94	127	109	1391
<u>Total</u>		725	713	760	733	855	780	785	766	808	774	736	748	9183

Principal Brokers	_	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	221	238	230	232	247	254	201	232	264	223	202	210	2754
	Inactive	9	8	7	8	12	11	13	10	7	7	13	9	114
Late	Active	11	10	13	13	14	9	8	11	8	7	12	6	122
	Inactive	2	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	5	2	25
Lapse		24	19	21	18	21	26	18	25	26	39	19	29	285
<u>Total</u>		267	276	275	272	296	301	241	280	307	278	251	256	3300

Oregon Real Estate Agency Education & Licensing Division Licensee Application & Renewal 2022 Data

Property Managers		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>
On Time	Active	28	26	25	16	35	30	34	29	32	28	21	29	333
	Inactive	2	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	5	19
Late	Active	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	0	1	2	3	27
	Inactive	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lapse		11	8	6	11	6	7	8	9	11	9	9	6	101
<u>Total</u>		45	40	33	31	47	40	48	40	45	38	34	43	484

Grand Total (Brokers, Princip	al Brokers, Prop	erty Mana	gers)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Eligible to Renew		1037	1029	1068	1036	1198	1121	1074	1086	1160	1090	1021	1047	12967
On Time	Active	740	781	790	775	890	853	794	830	867	822	723	772	9637
	Inactive	60	51	44	44	63	43	51	44	40	50	47	58	595
Late	Active	58	55	74	66	83	64	63	77	62	67	81	58	808
	Inactive	16	11	10	15	15	11	9	11	13	9	15	15	150
Total Renewed		874	898	918	900	1051	971	917	962	982	948	866	903	11190
Lapse		163	131	150	136	147	150	157	124	178	142	155	144	1777

<u>% On Time</u>	77.1%	80.9%	78.1%	79.1%	79.5%	79.9%	78.7%	80.5%	78.2%	80.0%	75.4%	79.3%	78.9%
<u>% Late</u>	7.1%	6.4%	7.9%	7.8%	8.2%	6.7%	6.7%	8.1%	6.5%	7.0%	9.4%	7.0%	7.4%
% Failed to Renew (Lapsed)	15.7%	12.7%	14.0%	13.1%	12.3%	13.4%	14.6 %	11.4%	15.3%	13.0%	15.2%	13.8%	13.7%
<u>Total</u>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Division Overview

The Compliance Division ensures that licensees meet their fiduciary and administrative responsibilities by reviewing financial and administrative records. This division aims to conduct clients' trust account and compliance reviews and develop other compliance-related programs. This work includes providing technical assistance and sharing knowledge on the interpretation and application of laws and rules administered by the Agency (excluding legal advice) to licensees, the public, and other governmental agencies.

Workload and Activity Indicators

As of 5/11/2023	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ELOA	2	2	4	44	79	81	13	55	40
No Violation	356	192	172	375	216	87	10	98	39
Open Investigation	5	3	8	10	29	7	2	13	3
Resolved								72	61
Total Closed	363	197	184	429	324	175	25	238	143

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•	February	March	April	May
4	9	11	10	6
8	9	7	10	5
0	1	2	0	0
12	5	16	23	5
24	24	36	43	16
	8 0 12	8 9 0 1 12 5	8 9 7 0 1 2 12 5 16	8 9 7 10 0 1 2 0 12 5 16 23

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