# BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

STATE OF NEVADA

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SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator. REAL ESTATE DIVISION. DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Case No. 2018-973

Petitioner.

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TODD MANNING.

Respondent.

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Peter Keegan, Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies RESPONDENT TODD MANNING ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 233B and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if the RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty or other discipline authorized by NRS 645 and/or NAC 645, if violations of law are proven.

#### JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed as a real estate broker under License Number B.1001879.CORP, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and NAC Chapter 645.

### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

RESPONDENT identifies himself as a Vice President of Investments for Marcus & Millichap ("M&M").

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- 2. RESPONDENT has been licensed as a real estate broker, License Number B.1001879.CORP, since November 7, 2016, and is currently in active status
- 3. On or about July 20, 2018, the Division sent an investigation opening letter to RESPONDENT, through his counsel, which required RESPONDENT to provide a sworn statement concerning his involvement with the real estate transactions involving 5091 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89706; 7040 South Durango Drive, 7050 South Durango Drive, and 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113.
- 4. On or about August 7, 2018, the Division received RESPONDENT's response, dated August 6, 2018, submitted through his counsel, to the Division's July 20, 2018, opening letter.
- 5. The RESPONDENT's August 6, 2018, Response identified that RESPONDENT was the Broker for Record for Nevada and stated that all marketing, advertising, and Nevada brokerage activities for 5091 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89706; 7040 South Durango Drive, 7050 South Durango Drive, and 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113, were conducted exclusively through RESPONDENT.
- 6. On or about November 29, 2018, the Division sent RESPONDENT, through his counsel, Seth M. Mott, Deputy General Counsel for M&M a follow-up investigation letter concerning RESPONDENT's involvement in the real estate transactions for the properties located at 7040 South Durango Drive and 7050 South Durango Drive and 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113 ("The Durango Properties"), and specifically requested a copy of the Representation Agreement between the agent and the seller.
- 7. On or about January 11, 2019, the Division sent RESPONDENT's counsel a 233B letter, via certified mail, placing RESPONDENT on notice that the Division intended to commence disciplinary action by filing a formal complaint with the Nevada Real Estate Commission for violations NRS 645 and NAC 645.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

# 5091 EAST BONANZA ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89110 ("CARL'S JR. PROPERTY")

- 1. On or about February 20, 2018, the seller and buyer of the Carl's Jr. Property executed an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Joint Escrow Instructions which identified that M&M was representing the seller and entitled M&M to a Commission equal to 1.5% of the Purchase Price.
- 2. On or about April 11, 2018, RESPONDENT, was identified as the Broker, B.1001879.CORP, for the sale of the Carl's Jr. Property on a Duties Owed by a Nevada Real Estate Licensee form that was executed by the seller.
- 3. The April 11, 2018, Duties Owed form included a Supplemental List of Licensees Party to the Duties Owed, which specified Kevin Boeve CA:01247016 and Neil Naran, California License CA:0020255126, as a supplemental licensees under Broker Todd Manning.
- 4. The Supplemental List of Licensees Party to the Duties Owed form identifies that the additional licensees are subject to NRS 645.252 and NRS 645.254.
- 5. Kevin Boeve and Neil Naran did not possess a Nevada Real Estate License during the sale and marketing of the Carl's Jr. Property.
- RESPONDENT was identified as the Broker of record on the April 11, 2018,
  Consent to Act formed signed by the seller.
- 7. In accordance with the M&M Commission Booking Statement reflecting a close of escrow date of April 18, 2018, Kevin Boeve and Neil Naran were paid commissions from the sale of the Carl's Jr. Property as listing agents.
- 8. The April 18, 2018, M&M Commission Booking Statement for the Carl's Jr. Property identifies a \$3,000.00 Out of State Broker Fee was paid the Nevada Regional Manager.
- RESPONDENT is identified as the Out of State RM on the April 18, 2018,
  M&M Commission Booking Statement for the Carl's Jr. Property.

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- 10. On or about November 6, 2017, RESPONDENT, Neil Naran, and Cody Cannon, signed a Marcus & Millichap Interstate Brokerage Cooperation Agreement Turf Agreement, as the Broker of Record for the Carl's Jr. Property.
- 11. The Turf Agreement identifies RESPONDENT as the Broker of Record ("BOR"), Cody Cannon as the Out-of-State Regional Manager, and Neil Naran as the Out-of-State Licensee.
- 12. Section 2b) of Turf Agreement states that the "BOR will be compensated by Marcus & Millichap pursuant to separate agreement and in accordance with Marcus & Millichap's policies and procedures."
- ADVERSTISING INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED ON ANY MARKETING/ADVERTISING MATERIALS. ALL MARKETING MATERIALS MUST BE APPROVED BY IN-STATE RM AND OUT-OF-STATE RM/BOR PRIOR TO ANY MARKETING/ADVERTISING MATERIALS BEING DISTRIBUTED. THE BOR'S NAME SHALL BE INCLUDED IN ALL ADVERTISING/MARKETING MATERIALS AND ALL ADVERTISING/MARKETING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF NEVADA."
- 14. On April 25, 2018, Kevin Boeve sent, or caused to be sent, an email including an advertisement indicating the sale of the Carl's Jr. Property had "Just Closed" for \$3,120,000/5.00% Cap, both Kevin Boeve and Neil Naran were identified as the agents for the transaction and their contact information was provided without any reference to RESPONDENT as the Broker of Record.
- 15. RESPONDENT assisted Kevin Boeve and Neil Naran in the unlicensed marketing and sale of Carl's Jr. Property, which closed on April 18, 2018.
- 16. RESPONDENT failed to supervise Kevin Boeve and Neil Naran during the marketing and sale of the Carl's Jr. Property, which closed on April 18, 2018.

7040 S. DURANGO DR. - ("THE PAD AT DURANGO")

- 17. On or about March 22, 2017, the seller executed the Purchase Agreement for 7040 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113 (APN 176-04-310-004) accepting the buyer's purchase offer of \$6,100.000.00.
- 18. The Purchase Agreement was signed by Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez, attesting that "[a]gent accepts and agrees to the foregoing. AGENT: MARCUS & MILLICHAP REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT SERVICES OF NEVADA."
- 19. Kevin Boeve did not possess a Nevada Real Estate License during the sale and marketing of 7040 South Durango.
- 20. The Purchase Agreement for 7040 South Durango contains a dual agency disclosure in paragraph 22b.
- 21. The Purchase Agreement contains a section on the signature page titled, "SELLER'S ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT TO PAY COMMISSION[,]" which states as follows: "[s]eller affirms its agreement to pay to Agent a real estate brokerage commission pursuant to the terms of that certain Representation Agreement between Agent and Seller dated November 4, 2016, which shall remain in full force and effect."
- 22. On or about November 19, 2018, the Division's investigator requested RESPONDENT, through his counsel, to provide a copy of the Representation Agreement between the Agent and Seller dated November 4, 2016.
- 23. On December 4, 2018, counsel for the RESPONDENT responded to the Division's November 19, 2018 request again indicated that "there was never an Exclusive Listing Agreement" and that each such transaction was categorized as 'open[.]"
- 24. The Purchase Agreements for the Durango Properties each identify the same seller, Durango Arby Plaza, LLC.
- 25. M&M through its affiliate prepared an Offering Memorandum for The Pad at Durango, which reflects that "all property showings are by appointment only[,]" and the property is "Exclusively Represented by Pablo Rodriguez[,]" a senior associate of M&M.

- 26. On March 21, 2017, the buyer signed, and on March 22, 2017, the seller signed a Duties Owned By A Nevada Real Estate Licensee form, prepared by, or caused to be prepared by, Pablo Rodriguez, who was Nevada licensed salesperson affiliated with M&M at the time, S.0175422,
- 27. The Duties Owed form indicates that the buyer and seller understand that the licensee "may, in the future act for two of more parties who have interests adverse to each other."
  - 28. The Duties Owned form failed to identify the listing broker.
- 29. On March 21, 2017, the buyer signed, and on March 22, 2017, the seller signed a Consent to Act form prepared by M&M identifying the licensee in the real estate transaction as Richard Bird, Nevada Broker License B.1000924.CORP.
- 30. Division records indicate Richard Bird's Nevada Broker's License, B.1000924.CORP, was voluntarily placed on dormant status on June 9, 2014, and remains dormant.
- 31. Division records indicate Richard Bird was associated with M&M from February 14, 2014, through June 9, 2014.
  - 32. The Consent to Act form fails to identify the address of the subject property.
- 33. In accordance with the M&M Commission Booking Statement reflecting a close of escrow date of August 18, 2017, Kevin Boeve was paid a net commission of \$45,750.00, for acting in the capacity of both the listing agent and buying agent.
- 34. RESPONDENT assisted Kevin Boeve in the unlicensed marketing and sale of 7040 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, which closed on August 18, 2017.
- 35. RESPONDENT failed to supervise Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez during the marketing and sale of 7040 South Durango which closed on August 18, 2017.

## 7050 S. DURANGO DR. - ("STARBUCKS")

36. On or about May 11, 2017, the seller executed the Purchase Agreement for 7050 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113 (APN 176-04-310-005), accepting the buyer's purchase offer of \$2,750,000.00.

- 37. The Purchase Agreement contains the two unsigned signature blocks, one for Pablo Rodriguez, and the second for Kevin Boeve, attesting that "[a]gent accepts and agrees to the foregoing. AGENT: MARCUS & MILLICHAP REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT SERVICES OF NEVADA."
- 38. Kevin Boeve did not possess a Nevada Real Estate License during the sale and marketing of 7050 South Durango.
- 39. The Purchase Agreement contains a section on the signature page titled, "SELLER'S ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT TO PAY COMMISSION[,]" which states as follows: "[s]eller affirms its agreement to pay to Agent a real estate brokerage commission pursuant to the terms of that certain Representation Agreement between Agent and Seller dated November 4, 2016, which shall remain in full force and effect."
- 40. On May 9, 2017, the buyer signed, and on May 11, 2017, the seller signed a Duties Owned By A Nevada Real Estate Licensee form, prepared by or caused to be prepared by, Pablo Rodriguez, who was Nevada licensed salesperson affiliated with M&M at the time, S.0175422.
- 41. The Duties Owed form failed to indicate whether the buyer and seller understood that the licensee "may, or may not, in the future act for two of more parties who have interests adverse to each other."
  - 42. The Duties Owned form failed to identify the listing broker.
- 43. On May 9, 2017, the buyer signed, and on May 11, 2017, the seller signed a Consent to Act form prepared by M&M identifying the licensee in the real estate transaction as Richard Bird, Nevada Broker License B.1000924.CORP.
- 44. Division records indicate Richard Bird's Nevada Broker's License, B.1000924.CORP, was voluntarily placed on dormant status on June 9, 2014, and remains dormant.
- 45. Division records indicate Richard Bird was associated with M&M from February 14, 2014, through June 9, 2014
  - 46. The Consent to Act form fails to identify the address of the subject property.

- 47. The Fidelity National Title Order to Pay Commission dated August 23, 2017, and signed by the seller and Kevin Boeve reflects that \$82,500.00 was paid to M&M with Kevin Boeve listed as the agent contact.
- 48. In accordance with the M&M Commission Booking Statement reflecting a close of escrow date of August 25 2017, which erroneously identifies the property address as 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, the Kevin Boeve was paid a net commission of \$19,800.00, Pablo Rodriguez was paid a net commission of \$16,500.00, and William Melton was paid a net commission of \$9,900.00.
- 49. A search of the Nevada Real Estate Division's License Database reveals William Melton does not possess a Nevada Real Estate sales license, and did not possess a sales license during the sale and marketing of 7050 South Durango.
- 50. RESPONDENT assisted Kevin Boeve in the unlicensed marketing and sale of 7050 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, which closed on August 25, 2017.
- 51. RESPONDENT failed to supervise Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez during the marketing and sale of 7050 South Durango which closed on August 25, 2017.

## 7070 S. DURANGO DR. - ("SHOPS AND GYM AT DURANGO")

- 52. On or about June 2, 2017, the seller executed the Purchase Agreement for 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89113 (APN 176-04-301-010), accepting the buyer's purchase offer of \$18,000,000.00.
- 53. Paragraph 21.1 of the Purchase Agreement identifies that Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez represent the seller.
- 54. The Purchase Agreement contains the Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez's signature attesting that "[a]gent accepts and agrees to the foregoing. AGENT: MARCUS & MILLICHAP REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT SERVICES OF NEVADA."

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55. The Purchase Agreement contains a section on the signature page titled, "SELLER'S ACCEPTANCE AND AGREEMENT TO PAY COMMISSION[,]" which states as follows: "[s]eller affirms its agreement to pay to Agent a real estate brokerage commission pursuant to the terms of that certain Representation Agreement between Agent and Seller dated November 4, 2016, which shall remain in full force and effect."

- 56. On or about June 2, 2017, the seller signed a Duties Owned By A Nevada Real Estate Licensee form, prepared by or caused to be prepared by, Pablo Rodriguez, who was Nevada licensed salesperson affiliated with M&M at the time, S.0175422.
- 57. The Duties Owed form failed to indicate whether the seller understood that the licensee "may, or may not, in the future act for two of more parties who have interests adverse to each other."
  - 58. The Duties Owned form failed to identify the listing broker.
- 59. On or about June 2, 2017, the seller signed a Consent to Act form prepared by M&M identifying the licensee in the real estate transaction as Richard Bird, Nevada Broker License B.1000924.CORP.
- 60. Division records indicate Richard Bird's Nevada Broker's License, B.1000924.CORP, was voluntarily placed on dormant status on June 9, 2014, and remains dormant.
- 61. Division records indicate Richard Bird was associated with M&M from February 14, 2014, through June 9, 2014.
- 62. In accordance with the M&M Commission Booking Statement reflecting a close of escrow date of August 30, 2017, Kevin Boeve was paid a net commission of \$27,247.50, and Pablo Rodriguez was paid a net commission of \$22,706.25.
- 63. RESPONDENT assisted Kevin Boeve in the unlicensed marketing and sale of 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, which closed on August 30, 2017.
- 64. RESPONDENT failed to supervise Kevin Boeve and Pablo Rodriguez during the marketing and sale of 7070 South Durango which closed on August 30, 2017.

## VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

- 1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.235(1)(a) four times, by assisting unlicensed, Neil Naran and Kevin Boeve to conduct real estate sales transactions in the State of Nevada without a license, involving the sales of (1) 5091 East Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV on April 17, 2018; (2) 7040 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 17, 2017; (3) 7050 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 25, 2017; and (4) 7070 South Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 30, 2017.
- 2. RESPONDENT violated NAC 645.600(1) and NRS 645.660(1) three times by failing to supervise the activities of Pablo Rodriguez during the sale of (1) 7040 S. Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 17, 2017; (2) 7050 S. Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 25, 2017; and (3) 7070 S. Durango Drive, Las Vegas, NV on August 30, 2017.

## DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 3. Pursuant to NRS 645.235(2), the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine of up to the amount of any gain or economic benefit derived from the violation or \$5,000.00, which ever amount is greater, per violation against RESPONDENT.
- 4. Pursuant to NRS 645.660(2), the Commission may suspend, revoke, or deny the renewal of the license of a real estate broker and may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 against the broker if it appears he or she has failed to maintain adequate supervision of a salesperson or broker-salesperson associated with the broker and that person commits an unlawful act or violates any of the provisions of this chapter.
- 5. Pursuant to NRS 645.314, the Division is authorized to request its investigative costs where the investigation was undertaken for disciplinary purposes.
- 6. Additionally, under NRS 622.400, the Commission is authorized to impose costs of the proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.
- 7. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider the Administrative Complaint against the above-named Respondent in accordance with Chapters 233B and 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on August 20-22, 2019, commencing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Commission is able to hear the matter, and each day thereafter commencing at 9:00 a.m. through August 22, 2019, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. The Commission meeting will be held each day at the Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 East College Parkway, suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to last from August 20-22, 2019 or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint were true. If you have any questions please call Evelyn Pattee Commission Coordinator (702) 486-4074.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. A verbatim record will be made by a certified court reporter. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

As the Respondent, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the

hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.920.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the Respondent has violated NRS 645 and/or NAC 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented and to further determine what administrative penalty, if any, is to be assessed against the Respondent.

DATED this 4 day of July, 2019.

STATE OF NEV Department of Business and Industry Real Estate Division

By:

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DATED this 18th day of July, 2019.

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