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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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

Case No. 2018-160

5 STATE OF NEVADA,

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

vs.

KATHERINE D. SCHANDER.

Respondent.

Petitioner.

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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 KATHERINE D. SCHANDER ("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.

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# **JURISDICTION**

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RESPONDENT engaged in activities that require a license as a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson, or real estate salesperson, and/or a permit to engage in property management, issued by the Division and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction

of the Division and the Commission, and the provisions of NRS and NAC 645.

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# PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On or about January 30, 2018, the Division received a statement of fact ("complaint") that RESPONDENT provided unprofessional property management services to the complainant.
- 2. On or about February 5, 2018, the Division sent an investigation-opening letter to RESPONDENT, which required RESPONDENT to provide a sworn statement responding to the complaint as well as copies of relevant property management files for the involved properties.
- 3. On or about February 20, 2018, the Division received the RESPONDENT's sworn affidavit and property management files.
- 4. On or about March 1, 2018, the Division sent to the RESPONDENT, a Cease and Desist Order, demanding the RESPONDENT cease and desist from engaging in the business of, real estate property management or any other activity requirement licensure under NRS 645.
- 5. On or about June 27, 2018, the Division sent RESPONDENT an NRS 233B letter indicating that the Division's investigation had obtained sufficient evidence to commence disciplinary action by filing a complaint with the Nevada Real Estate Commission ("Commission").

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. At all times relevant, RESPONDENT was not licensed by the Division in any capacity.
- 2. On or about August 17, 2010, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 203 Blue Skies, Sparks, NV 89426 ("Blue Skies").
- 3. The Respondent continued to provide property management services for the property owners of Blue Skies through at least October of 2017.

- 4. On or about January 6, 2015, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 7510 Pah Rah Dr., Sparks, NV 89436 ("Pah Rah").
- 5. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the property owners of Pah Rah through at least April of 2017.
- 6. On or about May 14, 2015, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 3490 Golden Valley Road, Reno, NV 89506 ("Golden Valley").
- 7. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the owners of Golden Valley through at least October 2017.
- 8. On or about October 28, 2015, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 1543 Satellite Drive, Sparks, NV 89436 ("Satellite Drive").
- 9. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the owners of Satellite Drive through at least October 2016.
- 10. On or about September 27, 2017, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 1255 Ian St., Sparks, NV 89434 ("Ian St.").
- 11. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the owners of Ian St. through at least November 2017.
- 12. On or about September 29, 2017, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 2825 Watervale Dr., Sparks, NV 89436 ("Watervale Dr.").
- 13. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the owners of Watervale Dr. through at least November 2017.
- 14. On or about October 31, 2017, the RESPONDENT signed a one-year residential lease agreement as the agent for the property owners of 2755 Ashland Ave., Sparks, NV 89436 ("Ashland Ave.").

- 15. The RESPONDENT continued to provide property management services for the owners of Watervale Dr. through at least November 2017.
- 16. In July 2013, RESPONDENT appeared before the Nevada Real Estate

  Commission for acting in the capacity of a property manager without holding a real estate

  license or property manager's permit.
- 17. At the July 2013, hearing, the Nevada Real Estate Commission accepted a stipulated agreement between the RESPONDENT and the Division wherein the RESPONDENT agreed to pay a \$5,000.00 fine for unlicensed activity and to cease and desist from managing properties.
- 18. On or about June 20, 2016, the RESPONDENT received check number 3013 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of Blue Skies, Pah Rah, Golden Valley, Satellite Driver, Ian St., Watervale Dr., and Ashland Ave. (collectively "the Properties").
- 19. On or about September 20, 2016, the RESPONDENT received check number 3045 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.
- 20. On or about December 24, 2016, the RESPONDENT received check number 3080 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.
- 21. On or about February 25, 2017, the RESPONDENT received check number 3101 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.
- 22. On or about April 22, 2017, the RESPONDENT received check number 3125 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.
- 23. On or about June 28, 2017, the RESPONDENT received check number 3162 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.

- 24. On or about August 31, 2017, the RESPONDENT received check number 3195 in the amount of \$700.00 for her work as the property manager for the property owners of the Properties.
- 25. On or about November 12, 2017, the property owners of the Properties mailed a letter terminating their property management agreement with the RESPONDENT for the Properties.
- 26. On or about January 31, 2018, the Division confirmed via email that the RESPONDENT was working as an apartment manager for Eugene Burger Management Corporation in Reno, Nevada.
- 27. On or about February 21, 2018, the Division confirmed via email that the RESPONDENT did not have proof of ownership for the Properties she provided property management services for as the agent of the Property Owners.

# **VIOLATIONS ALLEGED**

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.230(1)(a) and (b) on seven (7) occasions by acting in the capacity of a real estate broker, real estate broker-salesperson, real estate salesperson, and/or property manager without first obtaining the required license and/or permit.

#### DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 1. 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, whichever amount is greater, per violation against RESPONDENT.
- 2. Pursuant to NRS 645.314, the Division has authorization to request its investigative costs, where the investigation was undertaken for disciplinary purposes.
- 3. 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.

4. 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 this Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENTS 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 at the Commission meeting scheduled for September 1-3, 2020, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, or until such time as the Commission concludes its business.

If the Governor's Emergency Directive 006 - suspending physical location requirements - is extended through the date of the meeting, then the hearing will be held via virtual meeting. The Commission uses WebEx for its meetings. To join the hearing go to the Webex.com website and put in the Access code and Attendee ID:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 Meeting number (Access code): 146 276 8028

Password (Attendee ID): MgCrCbJq662 (64272257662 from phones and video systems)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 Meeting number (Access Code): 146 650 1911 Password (Attendee ID): 2rGzteBYY24 (27498329924 from phones and video systems)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020** Meeting number (Access code): 146 520 3582 Password (Attendee ID): umV3mJJ2gP2 (86836552472 from phones and video systems)

If you do not have internet access, you may attend by phone at 1-844-621-3956 using the access codes and attendee IDs listed above. Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric attendee ID, provided above.

If Emergency Directive 006, is not extended and the meeting is held in person, then the meeting will be located at the following locations:

Nevada State Business Center Real Estate Division 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 Las Vegas, NV 89102

If you would like an email containing this information, before the hearing, please contact Evelyn Pattee, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074 or epattee@red.nv.gov.

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 September 1-3, 2020, but may end 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 the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML), 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. 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 to 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

1 evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS 2 Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.920. 3 The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the RESPONDENT has violated 4 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, 5 if any, is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT. 6 7 8 DATED this <u>23</u> day of July, 2020. DATED this 22nd day of July, 2020. 9 10 AARON D. FORD 11 STATE OF NEVADA, Department of Business & Industry **Attorney General** 12 Real Estate Division 13 By: PETERK. KEEGAN By: 14 SHARATH CHANDRA Deputy Attorney General 15 Administrator 100 North Carson Street 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Ste. 35 Carson City, Nevada 89701 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Tel: (775) 684-1153 Attorneys for the Real Estate Division 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28