BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 1 STATE OF NEVADA 2 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, 3 REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT Case No. 2018-208 OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, 4 STATE OF NEVADA, 5 Petitioner, 6 VS. 7 ERIK E. PETERSON, 8 Respondent. 9 STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION 10 This Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation") is entered into by and 11 between the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division ("Division"), 12 through its Administrator Sharath Chandra ("Petitioner"), and RESPONDENT ERIK E. PETERSON 13 ("RESPONDENT"). 14 15 JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATION IN COMPLAINT RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed by the Division 16 as a sales person under license number S.0030396, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the 17 Division and the Commission and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645. 18 19 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS IN COMPLAINT 20 1. RESPONDENT has been licensed as a sales person under license number S.0030396, 21 which license expired September 30, 2017. His broker at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint 22 was Paula Glidden ("Glidden"), license no. B.0038868.LLC. 23 On or about May 28, 2016, David Bender ("Bender"), who had been a client of 2. 24 RESPONDENT, forwarded a \$30,000 check to RESPONDENT, made payable to Land Office II, LLC, 25 a Nevada Limited Liability Company, which was then a Real Estate Branch Office. 26 3. RESPONDENT did not pay over the \$30,000 to his broker, Glidden. 27

The words "2 Lots Auction" is written in the memo field of the check.

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- 5. Bender's check was endorsed by "The Land Office," with the notation "Deposit only," and by RESPONDENT, who received the \$30,000.
- 6. Bender and RESPONDENT agreed RESPONDENT would use the \$30,000 to bid on real property in Nye County to be purchased by or for Bender.
- 7. Pursuant to prior transactions between RESPONDENT and Bender, RESPONDENT was to return unused funds to Bender.
 - 8. After sending the check, Bender instructed RESPONDENT not to bid on any properties.
 - 9. Bender requested RESPONDENT to return the \$30,000 to him.
 - 10. RESPONDENT did not repay Bender the \$30,000, saying he lacked the funds to do so.
- 11. On or about June 21, 2017, RESPONDENT paid Bender \$1,459 as an interest payment on the debt.
 - 12. Bender made a complaint to the Division about RESPONDENT's failure to pay him.
- 13. Glidden indicated there was no brokerage file on RESPONDENT's transaction with Bender.
- 14. RESPONDENT, communicating through his broker, Glidden, to the Division's investigator, said that the \$30,000 check to Land Office II was for money Bender owed RESPONDENT.
- 15. RESPONDENT told the Division's investigator that the complaint "has nothing to do with real estate."

VIOLATIONS ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

- 16. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i), pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(c), by falsely telling the Division, through Glidden, that check was for money Bender owed him.
- 17. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i), pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(c), by falsely telling the Division that Bender's complaint had nothing to do with real estate.
- 18. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.310(2) by failing to pay over to the broker, Glidden, funds RESPONDENT received in the name of the brokerage.
- 19. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.630(1)(f), by failing, within a reasonable time, to remit to Bender the refund owed him.

DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 20. Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine of up to \$10,000 per violation against RESPONDENT and further to suspend, revoke or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.
- 21. Additionally, under NRS Chapter 622, 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.
- 22. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

PROPOSED STIPULATION AGREEMENT

- 1. In an effort to avoid the time and expense of litigating these issues before the Commission, the parties desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following terms and conditions: RESPONDENT agrees to pay \$1,417.90 to the Division to cover the Division's investigatory costs and attorneys' fees as follows:
 - a. \$709.95 within ninety days after the date of the Commission's order approving the settlement.
 - b. In 11 equal installments, payments of \$59.17 over the ensuring 11 months, with the first such installment falling due starting one-hundred and twenty days after the date of the Commission's order approving the settlement and each subsequent installment falling due a month after the previous installment was due.
 - c. A final payment of \$59.08, due one month after the due date of the last of the 11th installment set forth in subparagraph (b).
- 2. RESPONDENT and the Division agree that by entering into this Stipulation, the Division does not concede any defense or mitigation RESPONDENT may assert and that once this Stipulation is approved and fully performed, the Division will close its file in this matter. Nothing herein prevents proof and giving consideration to acts complained of in this matter in determining or penalizing a future violation by RESPONDENT of any provision of NRS Chapter 645 or NAC Chapter 645.

- 3. RESPONDENT agrees and understands that by entering into this Stipulation, RESPONDENT is waiving his right to a hearing at which RESPONDENT may present evidence in his defense, his right to a written decision on the merits of the complaint, his rights to reconsideration and/or rehearing, appeal and/or judicial review, and all other rights which may be accorded by the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, the Nevada Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons statutes and accompanying regulations, and the federal and state Constitutions. RESPONDENT understands that this Agreement and other documentation may be subject to public records laws. The Commission members who review this matter for approval of this Stipulation may be the same members who ultimately hear, consider, and decide the Complaint if this Stipulation is either not approved by the Commission or is not timely performed by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT fully understands that he has the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter at his own expense.
 - 4. Each party shall bear its or his own attorney's fees and costs, except as provided above.
- 5. <u>Approval of Stipulation.</u> Once executed, this Stipulation will be filed with the Commission and will be placed on the agenda for approval at its next public meeting. The Division will recommend to the Commission approval of the Stipulation. RESPONDENT agrees that the Commission may approve, reject, or suggest amendments to this Stipulation that must be accepted or rejected by RESPONDENT before any amendment is effective.
- 6. <u>Withdrawal of Stipulation</u>. If the Commission rejects this Stipulation or suggests amendments unacceptable to RESPONDENT, RESPONDENT may withdraw from this Stipulation, and the Division may pursue its Complaint before the Commission. This Stipulation then shall become null and void and unenforceable in any manner against either party.
- 7. Release. In consideration of the execution of this Stipulation, RESPONDENT for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby releases, remises, and forever discharges the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, and the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees, and counsel in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that RESPONDENT ever had, now has, may have, or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this section,