2 STATE OF NEVADA Case No. 2024-497 3 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT 4 OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA, 5 FILED Petitioner. 6 VS. OCT 0 1 2024 7 MICHELLE A. STEWART. **REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** 8 (B.0033239.LLC) 9 Respondent. 10 COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING 11 The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY 12 OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division") hereby notifies RESPONDENT MICHELLE A. 13 STEWART ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL 14 ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 233B and 15 Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative 16 Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine 17 if the RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NRS 645.630 and/or 18 NRS 622.400, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven. 19 **JURISDICTION** 20 RESPONDENT, at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, was actively licensed as a 21 broker (B.0033239.LLC). RESPONDENT is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and 22 the Commission, and the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and NAC Chapter 645. As of the date of this 23 Complaint, RESPONDENT'S broker's license is currently in "active" status. 24 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS** 25 RESPONDENT'S broker's license was first issued in 2020 with an expiration month of 26 1. 27 April. NRED 000003. 28

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- 2. On or about May 12, 2022, as a courtesy, the Division informed the RESPONDENT of her requirement as a Broker to submit the 546 or 546A Form. *NRED 000005*.
- 3. On or about May 26, 2022, the Division sent a letter to the RESPONDENT informing her of the requirement as a broker to submit the Form 546 or 546A. *NRED 000006*.
- 4. Over a month later, on or about June 15, 2022, the RESPONDENT submitted her tardy Form 546A to the Division. *NRED 000004*.
- 5. In 2023, the RESPONDENT timely submitted her 546A Form to the Division. NRED 000004.
- 6. But in 2024, the RESPONDENT failed to submit her Form 546A to the Division.

  NRED 000008 NRED 000009.
- 7. Therefore, on or about June 4, 2024, the Division sent a Notice of Violation letter to the RESPONDENT'S last known brokerage address on record requesting the required Form 546A and payment of the administrative fine of \$250 due by July 5, 2024. NRED 000008 NRED 000012.
- 8. On or about June 23, 2024, the Division also emailed RESPONDENT informing her that the 546A Form and fine payment of \$250 were past due. *NRED 000013 NRED 000014*.
- 9. On or about August 21, 2024, the Division informed the RESPONDENT it would proceed formally due to her failure to remit the form or the fine. *NRED 000015*.
- 10. On or about September 3, 2024, the Division's letter was returned. NRED 000018 NRED 000019.
- 11. On or about September 4, 2024, the Division informed the RESPONDENT by email that the letter was returned. *NRED 000016 NRED 000017*.

## VIOLATIONS OF LAW

RESPONDENT committed the following violations of law:

- 1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(b) pursuant to NAC 645.806(3) for failing to submit the Form 546A by the last day of her real estate license expiration month.
- 2. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(b) pursuant to NAC 645.695 for failing to pay the \$250 administrative fine levied by the Division for failure to timely submit the 2024 Form 546A Affidavit.

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## DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

- 3. Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine per violation against RESPONDENT that may not exceed \$10,000, and further to suspend, revoke, or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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 November 19, 2024, 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 November 21, 2024, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. The Commission meeting will be held on November 19, 2024, at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor – Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 with video conferencing to the Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. The meeting will continue on each day thereafter commencing at 9:00 a.m. through November 21, 2024, until the business of the Commission is concluded.

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 November 19, 2024 through November 21, 2024, 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 Kelly Valadez, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4606.

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. 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 645.875.

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

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1	to further determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT, if any,	
2	pursuant to 645.633 and or 645.630.	
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