BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 1 STATE OF NEVADA 2 SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, 3 REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT Case No. 2024-964 OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, 4 STATE OF NEVADA. 5 Petitioner, 6 VS. 7 NICOLE ELENA CHAVARIN, (B.1002461.INDV), 8 Respondent. 9 10 STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION 11 This Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action ("Stipulation") is entered into by and 12 between the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division ("Division"), 13 through its Administrator Sharath Chandra ("Petitioner"), by and through their attorney of record, Phil 14 W. Su, Esq., and NICOLE ELENA CHAVARIN, ("RESPONDENT"). 15 RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed as a Broker under 16 license number B.1002461.INDV and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the 17 Commission, and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645. 18 SUMMARY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS 19 AS SET FORTH IN COMPLAINT 20 1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, RESPONDENT has been broker of record of Maad 21 Realty. [NRED0001-0005] 22 2. RESPONDENT'S broker's license was first issued in August 20, 2020. [NRED0002] 23 In calendar year 2022, RESPONDENT failed to submit her mandatory 546 Trust Account 3 24 Reconciliation Form by the last day of the expiration month of her broker's license. [NRED0003-0004] 25 4. On September 19, 2022, the Division sent a courtesy email to RESPONDENT reminding 26 her of her obligation to annually submit a Trust Account Reconciliations form 546 or 546A and reminding 27 RESPONDENT of the annual deadline for submitting that form. [NRED0004] 28

- 5. In calendar year 2024, RESPONDENT again failed to submit her mandatory 546 Trust Account Reconciliations form by the expiration month of her broker's license. [NRED0006-0007]
- 6. On October 15, 2024, the Division sent a Notice of Violation letter to RESPONDENT at her business address of record, notifying her that the Division was imposing a \$1,000.00 fine pursuant to NAC 645.695, requesting her to complete and submit the 546 form for calendar year 2024, and advising her of her appeal rights if she disagreed with the finding of violation and/or imposition of the fine. [NRED0006-0011]
- 7. Although on or about November 21, 2024, RESPONDENT sent a response to the Division's investigation regarding a separate, unrelated complaint, RESPONDENT did not respond to the Division's Notice of Complaint for the 546 violation, which had been sent contemporaneously, in October. [NRED0013-0015]
- 8. On November 27, 2024, the Division Investigator sent RESPONDENT a second reminder email reminding her to comply with her reporting obligations and to pay the fine. [NRED0016-0017]
- 9. On December 13, 2024, the Division Investigator sent RESPONDENT a NRS 233B letter via certified mail, informing RESPONDENT of the Division intent to refer the matter for hearing before the Real Estate Commission. [NRED0018-0019]

SUMMARY OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW AS SET FORTH IN THE COMPLAINT

- 1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(b) pursuant to NAC 645.806(2) by failing to timely submit her annual Form 546 Trust Account ReconciliationForm to the Division for 2024, due by the last day of the expiration month for her broker license.
- 2. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(b) pursuant to NAC 645.695 by failing to pay the \$1,000.00 administrative fine levied by the Division for failure to timely submit the 2024 Form 546 Trust Account Reconciliations.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

By entering into this Stipulation, the RESPONDENT does not admit the above factual allegations but agrees to waive her right to contest the above alleged violations if the Stipulation is approved by the Commission. Accordingly, in an effort to avoid the time and expense of litigating these issues before the

Commission, as well as any possible further legal appeals from any such decision, the parties desire to compromise and settle the instant controversy upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT agrees to pay the Division a total amount of \$2,647.73 ("Amount Due"), consisting of \$1,000.00 administrative fine imposed by the Division, the Division's pre-hearing costs and fees in the amount of \$360.00, and pre-hearing attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,287.73.
 - a. The Amount Due shall be payable to the Division within 90 days of the effective date of this Order.
 - b. No grace period is permitted. If the payment is not actually received by the Division on or before its due date, it shall be construed as an event of default by Respondent.
- 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.
- 3. The Division agrees not to pursue any other or greater remedies or fines in connection with RESPONDENT'S alleged conduct referenced herein. The Division further agrees that unless RESPONDENT fails to make timely payment, the Division will not bring any claim or cause directly or indirectly based upon any of the facts, circumstances, or allegations discovered during the Division's investigation and prosecution of this case.
- 4. RESPONDENT agrees and understands that by entering into this Stipulation RESPONDENT is waiving her right to a hearing at which RESPONDENT may present evidence in her defense, her right to a written decision on the merits of the complaint, her 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 she has the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter at her own expense.

- 5. RESPONDENT shall bear her own attorney's fees and costs.
- 6. Approval of Stipulation. 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 may be considered effective.
- 7. <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.
- 8. <u>Stipulation is Not Evidence</u>. Neither this Stipulation nor any statements made concerning this Stipulation may be discussed or introduced into evidence at any hearing on the Complaint, if the Division must ultimately present its case based on the Complaint filed in this matter.
- 9. Release. In consideration of the execution of this Stipulation, RESPONDENT for herself, her 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, arising out of or by reason of the Division's investigation of this action, this disciplinary action, and all matters related thereto.
- 10. <u>Indemnification</u>. RESPONDENT hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Nevada, the Department of Business and Industry, Petitioner, the Division, and each of their respective members, agents, employees, and counsel, in their individual and representative capacities, against any and all claims, suits, and actions brought against said persons and/or entities by reason of the Division's investigation, this disciplinary action, and all other matters relating thereto, and against any and all

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION Case No. 2024-964

The Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action having come before the Real Estate Commission, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada, during its regular agenda on February 11-13, 2025, and the Commission being fully apprised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the above Stipulation for Settlement of Disciplinary Action is approved in full.

Dated: this _____ day of ______, 2025.

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION STATE OF NEVADA

By:_______President, Nevada Real Estate Commission