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BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
200 EAST GRAND, SUITE 350
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

IN RE:)
) CASE NUMBER: 21-053
Amber M. Peters)
Salesperson (S66537000))
) COMBINED STATEMENT OF
) CHARGES, INFORMAL
Elite Real Estate Investors 2020, LLC)
17838 Burke Street, Suite 102) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
Omaha, NE 68118) AND CONSENT ORDER IN A
) DISCIPLINARY CASE
RESPONDENT)

The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and Amber M. Peters (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4).

1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate salesperson license number S66537000 on May 6, 2018. Respondent's license is current and in full force and effect through December 31, 2023. The Respondent is a licensed real estate salesperson assigned to Elite Real Estate Investors 2020, LLC, a licensed real estate firm, license number F06230000, located in Omaha, Nebraska.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B. Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

3. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices of conducting real estate business independently outside of the licensed broker or firm she is assigned to in violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.24, 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.33, 543B.34(1), 543B.34(1)(f), 543B.62(3)(b) (2021). See 193E Iowa Administrative Code sections 4.1(3), 7.1(8), 7.11(1), 18.14(5)(n), 18.14(5)(s).

CIRCUMSTANCES

4. On March 14, 2021, a complaint was filed with the Commission against Ms. Peters stating that she listed a property with a firm of which she was not licensed to.

5. Commission licensing records indicate the Respondent was licensed to ARE Iowa, LLC until March 3rd, 2021. The Respondent's license was then placed into inactive status when the Respondent failed to submit a transfer application and before beginning employment with another firm.

6. During this time, the Respondent listed a property located at 716 14th Street, Onawa, Iowa 51040 under a different firm, kwElite (not a licensed tradename in Iowa), and Kw Greater Omaha (not a licensed tradename in Iowa). The Respondent stated that she submitted an application to be licensed to Evan Ray Winters on March 12, 2021.

7. On March 12, 2021, the Respondent's status was changed to active by Mr. Evan Winters, Eagle Partners, LLC.

8. Consequently, in March 2021, the Respondent conducted activities in the state of Iowa requiring a real estate license outside of the licensed broker or firm that she was assigned to.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

9. Respondent admits to each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges. This case shall constitute one violation for purposes of Iowa Code section 543B.29(4).

10. Respondent acknowledges that she has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives her right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.

11. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.

12. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of the Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.

13. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(1)(d), 543B.34(1) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2022) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

14. This Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.

(a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.

(b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

15. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22.

CONSENT ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

16. REPRIMAND. Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 18.14(1)(j), the Respondent is reprimanded.

17. CIVIL PENALTY. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) no later than six (6) months after acceptance of this Order by the Commission. The civil penalty must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Officer, referencing Case Number 21-053.

18. FUTURE COMPLIANCE. The Respondent shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

WHEREFORE, the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by **Amber M. Peters** on this 10th day of June, 2023.

Amber Peters
By: **AMBER M. PETERS**, Respondent

State of Nebraska

County of Douglas

Signed and sworn to before me on this 16 day of June, 2023, by:



Heena Chaudhary
Notary Public, State of Nebraska
Printed Name: Heena Chaudhary
My Commission Expires: 01/07/2025

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** on this 3rd day of August, 2023.

JAMES M.H. CLINGMAN
JAMES M.H. CLINGMAN, Chair
Iowa-Real Estate Commission