

BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF

Joel P. Bartlett  
Broker B61585000

RESPONDENT

CASE NO.: 24-129

COMBINED STATEMENT OF  
CHARGES, SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER

COME NOW the Iowa Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) and Joel P. Bartlett (“Respondent”), enter into this combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement and Final Order (“Order”) pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2), 272C.3(4), 272C.10, 17A10(1) and 272C.3(4).

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. **Iowa License.** Respondent was issued Iowa real estate broker license B61585000 on July 5, 2012. Respondent’s Iowa real estate broker license is active and will next expire on December 31, 2024. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was a licensed real estate broker officer of Real Estate Management, Inc., a licensed real estate firm, license number F05875000 located in Bettendorf, Iowa.
2. **Jurisdiction.** The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C and 543B.
3. **Allegations.** On May 28, 2024, a licensee in the employment of the Respondent was sent an audit by the Commission for compliance with the mandatory errors and omission insurance requirement. The aforementioned licensee did not have the mandatory errors and omissions insurance because his license was not inactivated appropriately prior to December 31, 2023. Consequently, the Respondent failed to effectuate a change of employment by a salesperson then

employed by the Respondent.

## **B. STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **COUNT I**

4. Respondent is charged with failing to comply with all procedures mandated by statute to effectuate a change of employment by a salesperson then employed by the Respondent's brokerage in violation of Iowa Code Section 543B.33 and 193E Iowa Administrative Code sections 6.1(1), 6.1(2), 18.14(5)(c)(2).

## **C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

5. Respondent acknowledges that the allegations in the Statement of Charges, if proven in a contested case hearing, would constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Order.

6. To resolve this matter without proceeding to hearing, Respondent agrees to the following conditions:

a. CIVIL PENALTY. The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) 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 24-129.

b. 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.

7. In entering this Order, Respondent acknowledges the following:

a. This Order is subject to the approval of the Commission and will have no force or effect if it is not accepted by the Commission.

- b. Counsel for the State will present this Order to the Commission *ex parte*.
- c. I have the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.
- d. I understand I have an opportunity to be heard and to contest the allegations against me in a formal hearing before the Commission and that, by waiving the formal hearing, I waive my right to challenge the allegations against me and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review of the Commission's actions.
- e. I waive my ability to review the investigative file in this case.
- f. I understand this Order will be part of my permanent licensure file and may be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.
- g. I am voluntarily entering into this Order.
- h. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code § 272C.3(2)(a).
- i. I understand I am responsible for all expenses incurred to comply with the conditions and requirements of this Order.

8. Respondent shall submit a copy of this Order to all licensing boards where Respondent holds a license, whether active or not, within **THIRTY days** of the date of the Commission's approval of this Order.

9. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent pursuant to and in accordance with Iowa Code section 543B.29(4) and is the final agency action in a contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.

10. This Order shall not preclude the Commission from taking additional action against the

Respondent should the Respondent violate laws, rules, or standards of practice administered by the Commission in the future.

11. This Order becomes a public record available for inspection and copying upon execution in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22, and 272C.

12. The Commission's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Commission.

**D. FINAL ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

8. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for failing to comply with all procedures mandated by statute to effectuate a change of employment by a salesperson then employed by the Respondent's brokerage in violation of Iowa Code Section 543B.33 and 193E Iowa Administrative Code sections 6.1(1), 6.1(2), 18.14(5)(c)(2).

A. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that engaging in such conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action against the Respondent's Iowa real estate salesperson license.

**FOR THE RESPONDENT:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by JOEL P. BARTLETT on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
By: JOEL P. BARTLETT, Respondent

**FOR THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
JAMES M.H. CLINGMAN, Chair

Iowa Real Estate Commission