1 of 6 – Stipulated Final Order – Autumn Pardee

REAL ESTATE AGENCY 1 BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER 2 3 4 In the Matter of the Unlicensed Professional Real Estate Activity of 5 STIPULATED FINAL ORDER AND ORDER 6 7 **AUTUMN PARDEE** TO CEASE AND DESIST 8 9 10 The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Autumn Pardee (Pardee) do hereby 11 agree and stipulate to the following: 12 FINDINGS OF FACT 13 AND 14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 15 1. 16 In establishing the violations set forth herein, the Agency may rely on one or more of the 17 definitions contained in ORS 696.010. 18 At all times mentioned herein, Pardee was not licensed to conduct professional 1.1 19 real estate activity in Oregon. 20 1.2 On July 20, 2023, The Agency received a complaint from Eric Squires (Squires) 21 against Pardee. The Agency opened an investigation. 22 1.3 Squires is a Principal Broker and stated in his complaint that Pardee is not a 23 licensed property manager but was in a rental agreement for a property that Squires is now 24 managing, located at 505 SE 62<sup>nd</sup> (subject property). 25 1.4 On July 31, 2023, the Agency received a second complaint against Pardee from 26 Jo Powell (Powell), submitted on behalf of Jay Conrad (Conrad). 27 1.5 Powell stated in her complaint that Pardee had been managing the second unit 28 of the duplex of the subject property, which was owned by Conrad. Powell stated that Pardee 29 had been charging Conrad up to 35% of rents received. 30

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- 1.6 Powell stated she requested a copy of the property management agreement (PMA) from Pardee. Once Powell received a copy, she saw that it had expired several years before, and there was no active PMA in place.
- 1.7 On October 10, 2023, in a phone interview with Agency Investigator Lindsey Nunes (Nunes), Powell said she has been Conrad's full-time caregiver and has been living with him since 2022. Powell said she and Conrad live on one side of the subject property duplex and Pardee managed the second unit.
- 1.8 Agency review of records shows Pardee signed the PMA on September 23, 2015, and Conrad signed on September 24, 2015. Pardee represented himself as the manager for the subject property.
- 1.9 The PMA stated that Pardee is experienced in the operation and management of real estate, has necessary staff, and can competently manage real estate properties.
  - 1.10 The PMA included the following:
    - The Manager agrees to collect all rents as they become due; the Manager agrees to collect the rents from the tenant and to disburse the agreed funds (\$950/mo) to the owner.
    - The Manager keeps the balance of monthly rent received above the agreed \$950/mo owed to owner. The Manager will notify the owner of any tenant who is over 30 days behind in paying their rent. In the event the rental payments in any month do not cover the total fees and costs owed to the Manager, the owner will remit payment of the remaining balance within 15 days of notification by the Manager.
    - It is understood by the parties that the Manager is an independent contractor with respect to the relationship between the parties and is not an employee of the owner.
    - The contract will automatically terminate on January 1, 2020; however, the agreement may be terminated at any time by either party with or without cause provided at least 90 days prior written notice.
    - Upon termination, Pardee will return to Conrad all records, notes, documentation, and other items that were used by Pardee during the term of this agreement.

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- 1.11 On March 25, 2022, a rental agreement for the subject property was written between SD Rehab Holdings LLC, identified as the Landlord, and Kimberly VanKlompenberg, identified as the tenant. Pardee signed the rental agreement as the Landlord-Manager.
- 1.12 A review of the Secretary of State records shows that Pardee is the Registered Agent of SD Rehab Holdings LLC.
  - 1.13 The terms of the rental agreement were as follows:
    - The tenant agrees to lease the subject property for a fixed term of 12 months, beginning April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023. The tenant agrees to pay Landlord as base rent the sum of \$1,950.00 due and payable monthly in advance of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month during the term of agreement.
    - Tenant agrees to pay their rent in the form of a Zillow payment, direct deposit, cash, personal check, a cashier's check, or a money order made out to the Landlord.
    - Tenant agrees to pay a security deposit of \$1,950.00 to be refunded upon vacating, returning the keys to the landlord and termination of the contract. The security deposit will be held intact by the landlord until at least thirty working days after the tenant vacates.
- 1.14 Powell provided the Agency with a handwritten ledger that she received from Pardee. The ledger was not dated and did not indicate the property address.
- 1.15 A review of the ledger shows Pardee collected funds in January, February, and March 2022, in the amount of \$1,550.00. \$1,050.00 was paid to Conrad and Pardee kept fees of \$500.00 for each month.
- 1.16 The ledger shows that Pardee collected funds on June 10, 2022, June 23, 2022, and July 7, 2022, in the amount of \$1,950.00. \$1,250.00 was paid to Conrad and Pardee kept fees of \$650.00. The ledger also shows a trade of \$50.00.
- 1.17 The ledger shows that Pardee collected funds in August, September, October, November, December 2022, and January 2023, in the amount of \$1,607.50, and appears to have charged 15 percent.
- 1.18 In her interview with Nunes, Powell stated that Conrad hired a new property manager, Squires, in March 2023.

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- 1.19 Powell told Nunes that Conrad received two rent payments in April 2023. One from Pardee and one from Squires.
- 1.20 On March 23, 2023, Squires mailed a certified letter to Pardee's addresses of record, informing Pardee of the termination of his property management for the subject property, and requested records. The letter was returned to Squires as undeliverable.
- 1.21 Powell provided the Agency a screenshot of a text message from Pardee to Conrad, dated May 2, 2023. In the text, Pardee asked Conrad if he would care to square up accounts soon, stating he has the deposit for the unit and final invoices for previous work completed.
- 1.22 On July 20, 2023, Squires mailed a certified letter to Pardee's addresses of record and requested the security deposit and last month's rent for the subject property. The letter was returned to Squires as undeliverable.
- 1.23 On August 22, 2023, Squires mailed a letter to VanKlompenberg informing her that her security deposit and last month's rent are under the care and control of Pardee.
- 1.24 In October and November of 2023, Nunes called and emailed Pardee requesting a response to both complaints. Nunes did not receive a response from Pardee.
- 1.25 On 05/15/24, the Agency held a settlement conference with Pardee and attorney Jack Graham (Graham). It was discussed that Pardee would return funds to the property owner and tenants.
- 1.26 On 05/24/24, the Agency received a copy of a cashier's check and a copy of ledgers showing funds were returned to the owner and tenants.
- (1) Conclusion of Law: By conducting property management activities without a license, Pardee engaged in the professional real estate activity as described in ORS 696.01014)(a),(b), 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 Editions, which is a violation of ORS 696.020(2) 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 Editions. Pardee is subject to a civil penalty under ORS 696.990(4)(a)(b) 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 Editions.

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According to ORS 696.775, the lapsing, expiration, revocation or suspension of a real estate license, whether by operation of law, order of the Real Estate Commissioner or decision of a court of law, or the inactive status of the license, or voluntary surrender of the license by the real estate licensee does not deprive the commissioner of jurisdiction to: (1) proceed with an investigation of the licensee; (2) conduct disciplinary proceedings relating to the licensee; (3) Take action against a licensee, including assessment of a civil penalty against the licensee for a violation of ORS 696.020(2); or (4) revise or render null and void an order suspending or revoking a license.

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The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this individual.

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## STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Autumn Pardee, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this 1 Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby 2 3 waive the right to challenge the validity of service. **ORDER** 4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.397, Pardee immediately cease 5 and desist from engaging in any professional real estate activity as defined in ORS 6 7 696.010(17)(a) to (n) (2023 Edition) unless Pardee first obtains a real estate license from the 8 Agency. The Commissioner's authority for this order is under ORS 696.397. 9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to ORS 696.990 and based upon the violation set forth above, Pardee pay a civil penalty in the sum of \$5,000.00, said penalty to be 10 paid to the General Fund of the State Treasury by paying the same to the Agency. 11 12 13 IT IS SO STIPULATED: IT IS SO ORDERED: 14 DocuSigned by: 15 autumn Pardee 16 17 **AUTUMN PARDEE** STEVEN STRODE 18 Real Estate Commissioner Date 7/23/2024 | 6:59 AM PDT Date 7/23/2024 | 9:47 AM PDT 19 20 21 Date of Service: 7/23/2024 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30