1 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE P. O. Box 137007 2 Sacramento, CA 95813-7007 FILED 3 Telephone: (916) 576-8700 JAN 2 2 2021 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of: Case No. H-6923 SAC 11 MADISON REAL ESTATE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT 12 PROFESSIONALS, INC., IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER CORY ROBERT MEYER 13 and JON WINSTON BAIRD, 14 Respondents. 15 16 It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents MADISON REAL ESTATE 17 PROFESSIONALS, INC. ("MADISON"), CORY ROBERT MEYER ("MEYER"), acting by 18 and through their counsel Tyler Lalaguna, JON WINSTON BAIRD ("BAIRD"), acting in pro 19 per, and the Complainant, acting by and through Jason D. Lazark, Counsel for the Department 20 of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on 21 March 10, 2020, in this matter: 22 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be 23 presented by Complainant and Respondents MADISON, MEYER, and BAIRD (collectively 24 referred to herein as "Respondents") at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), 25 shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this 26

Stipulation and Agreement In Settlement and Order ("Stipulation and Agreement").

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of Real Estate in this proceeding.

Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

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6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalties

and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below

2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to

3. Respondents filed Notices of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the

4. Respondents, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admit that

5. This Stipulation and Agreement is made for the purpose of reaching an

Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department

Government Code for the purposes of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the

Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notices of Defense.

Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notices of Defense

to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the

provisions of the APA, and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection

the factual allegations as set forth in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct

and the Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence of such allegations.

agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other

proceeding or case in which the Department, the state or federal government, any agency of

with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the

they will thereby waive their rights to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner")

"Order." In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation

and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a

hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.

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7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made
pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to
any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any matters
which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding

8. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents agree to be responsible for jointly and severally paying, pursuant to Section 10106 of the Business and Professions Code ("the Code"), the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case which resulted in the determination that Respondents committed the violations found in the Determination of Issues. The amount of such costs is \$3,622.10.

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### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions and waivers, and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

I.

The acts and omissions of MADISON, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of MADISON under the provisions of Sections 10130, 10177(d), and 10177(g) of the Code.

II.

The acts and omissions of MEYER, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of MEYER under the provisions of Sections 10130, 10159.2, 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h) of the Code, and Section 2725 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations of the Regulations ("the Regulations").

III.

The acts and omissions of BAIRD, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of BAIRD under the provisions of Sections 10130, 10177(d), and 10177(g) of the Code.

#### **ORDER**

## I. AS TO MADISON

All licenses and licensing rights of MADISON under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

- 1. Forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon the condition that MADISON petitions pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code, at a rate of \$50 for each day of the suspension, for a total monetary penalty of \$2,250.
- a. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
- b. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of MADISON occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Order in this matter.
- c. If MADISON fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event, MADISON shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this decision.
- d. If MADISON pays the monetary penalty, and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of MADISON occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision herein, then the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- 2. The remaining forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall also be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

- a. MADISON shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California, and
- b. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

#### II. AS TO MEYER

All licenses and licensing rights of MEYER under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

- 1. Forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon the condition that MEYER petitions pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code, at a rate of \$50 for each day of the suspension, for a total monetary penalty of \$2,250.
- a. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
- b. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of MEYER occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Order in this matter.
- c. If MEYER fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event, MEYER shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this decision.

- d. If MEYER pays the monetary penalty, and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of MEYER occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision herein, then the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- 2. The remaining forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall also be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- a. MEYER shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California, and
- b. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
- 3. MEYER shall, within nine (9) months from the issuance of the Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. All licenses and licensing rights of MEYER shall be indefinitely suspended unless or until MEYER passes the examination. In the event that access to the location for taking the Professional Responsibility Examination is closed during normal business hours, the Department shall extend the time for taking and passing the Professional Responsibility Examination by the same amount of time that access to the test location was closed.

#### III. AS TO BAIRD

All licenses and licensing rights of BAIRD under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to BAIRD pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if BAIRD makes application therefore and pays to the Department the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision.

- 1. The restricted license issued to BAIRD shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code as to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:
  - (a) The restricted license issued to BAIRD shall be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner in the event of BAIRD's conviction (including by plea of guilty or nolo contendere) to a crime which is substantially related to BAIRD's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee; and,
  - (b) The restricted license issued to BAIRD shall be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that BAIRD has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- 2. With the application for license, or with the application for transfer to a new employing broker, BAIRD shall submit a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department which shall certify as follows:
  - (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision which is the basis for the issuance of the restricted license; and
  - (b) That the employing broker will carefully review all transaction documents prepared by the restricted licensee and otherwise exercise close supervision over the licensee's performance of acts for which a license is required.
- 3. BAIRD shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision. BAIRD shall not be eligible for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attaching to the license have been removed.

- 4. BAIRD shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 72 hours of any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the Department of Real Estate, Legal Section at Post Office Box 137007, Sacramento, CA 95813-7007. The letter shall set forth the date of BAIRD's arrest, the crime for which BAIRD was arrested and the name and address of the arresting law enforcement agency. BAIRD's failure to timely file written notice shall constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of that license.
- 5. BAIRD shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that BAIRD has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If BAIRD fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner shall order the suspension of the restricted license until the BAIRD presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford BAIRD the opportunity for hearing pursuant to the APA to present such evidence. Proof of completion of the continuing education courses must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.
- 6. BAIRD shall, within nine (9) months from the issuance of the Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. All licenses and licensing rights of BAIRD shall be indefinitely suspended unless or until BAIRD passes the examination. In the event that access to the location for taking the Professional Responsibility Examination is closed during normal business hours, the Department shall extend the time for taking and passing the Professional Responsibility Examination by the same amount of time that access to the test location was closed.

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# III. AS TO MADISON, MEYER AND BAIRD JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondents, jointly and severally, pay the sum of \$3,622.10 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Real Estate Fund. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

PATED DATED

JASON D. LAZARK/Cou Department of Real Estate

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Respondents have read the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order, discussed it with their counsel, where appropriate, and its terms are understood by them and are agreeable and acceptable to them. Respondents understand that they are waiving rights given to them by the California APA (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which Respondents would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against them and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondents further agree to send the original signed Stipulation and Agreement by mail to the following address no later than one (1) week from the date the Stipulation and Agreement is signed by me and my attorney: Department of Real Estate, Legal Section, P.O. Box 137007, Sacramento, California 95813-7007.

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Designated Officer, MADISON REAL ESTATE
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I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and
my client accordingly.
DATED
TYLER LALAGUNA, Attorney for Respondents
MADISON REAL ESTATE
PROFESSIONALS, INC., and CORY ROBERT MEYER
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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in
d shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on
IT IS SO OPPORTS
IT IS SO ORDERED, 2020.
REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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6	Designated Officer,
7	MADISON REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS, INC.,
8	9-17-2020 Respondent
9	DATED CORY ROBERT MEYER,
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	DATED JON WINSTON BAIRD,
12	Respondent
13	I have reviewed the Stimulation
14	I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and
15	have advised my client accordingly.
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	DATED TYLER LALAGUNA,
17	Attorney for Respondents
18	MADISON REAL ESTATE
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22	this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon onFEB 12 2021
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