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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Real Estate Broker's License of CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT, INC., doing business as ASSOCIA HAWAII, Respondent. REC 2023-107-L

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION'S FINAL ORDER

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The Commission did not receive any Statement in Support or Written Exceptions from either party after the issuance of its Proposed Final Order. Accordingly, the Commission adopts its Proposed Final Order as the Commission's Final Order.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, March 28, 2025.

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REC-2023-107-L

HEARINGS OFFICER'S FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND RECOMMENDED ORDER; APPENDIX "A"

Administrative Hearings Officer: Desirée L. Hikida

HEARINGS OFFICER'S FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 20, 2023, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, through its Regulated Industries Complaints Office (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner" or "RICO"), by and through its attorney, Seth J. Corpuz-Lahne, Esq., filed a petition for disciplinary action against the real estate broker license of Certified Management, Inc., doing business as Associa Hawaii (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent" or "CMI"). Petitioner assigned the petition case numbers REC 2023-107-L; REC 2023-162-L; REC 2023-325-L. The matter was duly set for hearing, and the notice of hearing and prehearing conference was transmitted to the parties.

Respondent filed its response to the petition on January 26, 2024. The matter came on for prehearing conference on February 2, 2024. Petitioner was represented by Seth J. Corpuz-Lahne, Esq., accompanied by Liza Canady, Esq., and Respondent was represented by James W. Rooney, Esq. At the prehearing conference, the parties discussed submitting stipulated facts. A Prehearing Order was issued February 6, 2024, converting the hearing date scheduled for March 8, 2024, to a status conference, and ordering, inter alia, the parties submit briefs regarding fines and sanctions.

On February 6, 2024, Petitioner filed First Amended Petition for Disciplinary Action Against Real Estate Broker's License.

On February 7, 2024, RICO's Case Nos. REC 2023-162-L and REC 2023-325-L were ordered dismissed without prejudice by stipulation of the parties.

On February 8, 2024, Respondent filed its Response to First Amended Petition Filed 02/06/2024.

On February 27, 2024, Respondent filed the parties' [Joint Proposed] Undisputed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law; Exhibits 1-2, 4-10, A-I, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Appendix "A."¹

On March 5, 2024, Petitioner filed Petitioner's Brief on Fines and Sanctions, and Respondent filed Respondent's Legal Brief Regarding Fines and Sanctions and Request for Pre-Hearing Determination Re: Same.

A status conference was convened March 8, 2024, with Petitioner represented by Mr. Corpuz-Lahne and Respondent represented by Mr. Rooney. Hearing in the matter was scheduled for May 22, 2024.

On April 10, 2024, Petitioner submitted Petitioner's First Supplemental Brief on Contracts as Individual and Continuing Violations. On April 22, 2024, Respondent submitted Respondent's Notice of Objection and Opposition to Petitioner's First Supplemental Brief Filed April 10, 2024. Petitioner's supplemental brief was filed without leave and was not considered by the Hearings Officer.

On May 22, 2024, hearing in the above-captioned matter was convened by the undersigned Hearings Officer pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Chapters 91, 92, 436B, and 467. Petitioner was represented by its attorney, Seth J. Corpuz-Lahne, Esq. and Respondent was represented by James W. Rooney, Esq.

At hearing, Petitioner's Exhibits 1, 2, 4-12, 14, and 15 were received into evidence by stipulation. Petitioner's Exhibit 3 was received into evidence over objection and Petitioner withdrew its Exhibit 13. Respondent's Exhibits A-Q, X-Z, and AA were received into evidence

¹ Respondent filed its Errata to the [Joint Proposed] Undisputed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on March 4, 2024, noting an incorrect document had been submitted as Respondent's Exhibit A, and attaching thereto the correct Exhibit A.

by stipulation.² Petitioner's objection to Respondent's Exhibits R-W was sustained. Over Petitioner's objection, Respondent's Exhibit BB was received into evidence.

Petitioner called RICO Investigator Joyce Miyashiro, Real Estate Commission Executive Officer Miles I. Ino, and Gregory Misakian as witnesses. Respondent called its President, Pauliana Wong and Bernadette R. Briones as witnesses. Respondent also called Daniel Jacob, Keoni Ana AOAO Board of Directors President as a witness to rebut Mr. Misakian's testimony.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearings Officer directed the parties to file written closing arguments in lieu of oral closing arguments by June 12, 2024. Accordingly, Petitioner and Respondent filed their closing arguments on June 12, 2024.

Having reviewed and considered the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, together with the entire record of this proceeding, the Hearings Officer hereby renders the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended order.

II. <u>FINDINGS OF FACT</u>

The Hearings Officer adopts the parties' [Joint Proposed] Undisputed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as provided in Appendix "A". The Hearings Officer notes the parties' Undisputed Facts/Law Nos. 5-10, 15-17, 19, and 21 are more properly construed as conclusions of law; however, for the ease of reference, Nos.1 through 25 are adopted as Findings of Fact 1-25. In addition, the Hearings Officer makes the following additional findings:

26. Respondent was originally licensed as a real estate broker entity July 25, 1992, by the Real Estate Commission ("Commission"). Respondent's license No. RB-16152-0 is set to expire December 31, 2024.

27. The Professional Vocational Licensing ("PVL") Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs transitioned to an online licensing system during the pandemic. The Real Estate Commission ("Commission") was included in PVL's online licensing system in 2021.

28. License renewal is done through an online portal called MyPVL. Licensees create their own MyPVL account.

29. When a licensee successfully submits their renewal application and payment online, their license will be reflected as current in the MyPVL system.

² The Hearings Officer ordered Respondent's Exhibits M-O, confidential medical records, be sealed.

30. If a licensee does not have sufficient Continuing Education ("CE") credits at the time of renewal, their license status will automatically be converted to "inactive" on January 1st of the next year.

31. PVL does not contact or notify licensees if they have submitted duplicate CE courses or if their CE requirements are not met.

32. The Commission stopped mailing licensees pocket cards with their license number and license status after transitioning to the online licensing system.

33. Licensees must log on to their MyPVL account to view their CE and license renewal history, and to print copies of their pocket card licensees.

34. On or around March 30, 2023, Bernadette Briones discovered her license was inactive when she logged on to her MyPVL account to print her pocket license and saw that her license was in "good standing" but also that her license was "inactive."

35. During the license renewal period, Ms. Briones struggled with her own health while she provided primary caregiving services for multiple family members.

36. Ms. Briones reported six of seven CE courses she took during the 2020-2022 biennium licensing period. She did not report the seventh course because she believed any credits over the required 20 CE credit hours would not be carried over to the next year.³

37. Respondent did not receive complaints from any of the 313 properties it managed regarding the period Respondent's license was placed on involuntary inactive status.

38. Respondent cooperated with RICO's investigation.

III. <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u>

Petitioner has charged Respondent with violating HRS § 467-7 which provides:

HRS § 467-7 Licenses required to act as real estate broker and salesperson. No person within the purview of this chapter shall act as real estate broker or real estate salesperson, or shall advertise, or assume to act as real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license previously obtained under and in compliance with this chapter and the rules and regulations of the real estate commission.

³ The Hearings Officer notes Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-99-93 provides that "Continuing education hours obtained in excess of the continuing education hours required by Section 467-11.5, HRS, cannot be carried forward to satisfy the continuing education requirements for any subsequent license renewal."

The preponderance of the evidence proved, and Respondent readily acknowledged that by virtue of providing property management services from January 1, 2023 through April 10, 2023 while Respondent's license was involuntary inactive, Respondent violated HRS § 467-7.

IV. <u>RECOMMENDED ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, the Hearings Officer recommends that the Commission find and conclude that Respondent violated HRS § 467-7.

In response to the Hearings Officers instruction, the parties submitted briefs regarding fines and sanctions prior to hearing on the matter. In its brief on fines and sanctions, Petitioner proposed Respondent be fined the maximum fine per violation of HRS § 467-7, in the amount of \$5,000 per violation, and that the Commission exercise is statutory discretion to deem each day's violation to be a separate violation pursuant to HRS § 436B-18. Petitioner argues, "The scale and scope of Respondent's statewide operations weigh heavily against the imposition of minimum fines, as minimum fines would not constitute just discipline Respondent [sic] and would have little or no deterrent effect for its noncompliance in the instant case." (Petitioner's Brief on Fines and Sanctions at 2).

It appears that the crux of Petitioner's argument is Respondent should be fined the maximum statutory amount due to the large number of client's that Respondent serves. Petitioner acknowledges no claims have been filed against Respondent in relation to its inactive license but posits that the statute of limitation has not run yet. Petitioner appears to regard Respondent's client count as an aggravating factor and further opines that "lack of injury is speculative during the pendency of these proceedings." (Petitioner's Brief on Fines and Sanctions at 3). The Hearings Officer strenuously disagrees with Petitioner's position in this matter and notes that the burden of proof is placed on Petitioner. In analyzing the appropriate sanction in this matter, the Hearings Officer considers actual injury, not potential injury that has not yet occurred, or may never occur. The Hearings Officer similarly does not agree with Petitioner's position that maximum fines are warranted solely based on the number of client's Respondent serves. If, on the other hand, there was evidence that numerous clients of Respondent were injured all due in some part to Respondent's inactive license, the Hearings Officer could see cause to assess a high or maximum fine for the violation.

Petitioner admits that it has found no previous cases wherein the Commission has exercised its discretion to deem each day's violation a separate violation pursuant to HRS § 436B-18.

Nonetheless, Petitioner proposes the Commission deem each day Respondent's license status was inactive as a separate violation. Petitioner opines, "[M]ost violations of the statutes and rules regulating professions and vocations occur at a single point in time and are therefore not appropriate for such an exercise of discretion, violations involving a lapse of licensure and the continuous provision of services pursuant to a contract are clearly distinguishable as the violations commence on the day that the license becomes non-complaint and continue without abatement until the licensee restores its license to active status." (Petitioner's Brief on Fines and Sanctions at 7). The Hearings Officer notes the distinction Petitioner has not provided persuasive argument why the Commission should exercise its discretion in this particular case and determine Respondent's inactive license status be deemed a per day violation.

In its written closing brief, Petitioner proposes Respondent be fined three million ninetyeight thousand seven hundred dollars (\$3,098,700.00), or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day of unlicensed activity for each of the 313 properties Respondent managed. Alternatively, in Respondent's closing brief, Respondent requests a fair fine that is "modest and proportionate to the underlying events, mitigating factors, and extenuating circumstances."

In determining an appropriate sanction, The Hearings Officer is mindful of the Commission's purpose to protect the general public in its real estate transactions. On the other hand, the evidence demonstrated that Respondent's inactive license was the result of a CE credit reporting mistake by Ms. Briones, there was no consumer harm, and mitigating factors in favor of Respondent. The Hearings Officer notes the violation in this case does not involve, fraud, dishonesty, unprofessionalism, or a failure to maintain a record of fair dealing and financial integrity.

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Of note throughout the proceeding was Respondent's and Ms. Briones's complete acceptance of responsibility for Respondent's inactive license status. The Hearings Officer considers Ms. Brione's remorse and regret for not following up with her license status sooner and the mitigating circumstances of Ms. Briones personal circumstances at the time, which involved providing caregiving for numerous family members. The Hearings Officer also considers Respondent's actions taken to address the inactive status upon discovery, Ms. Wong's testimony regarding Respondent's letter to clients, and the internal policy Respondent created to avoid future licensing issues.

In sum, the recommended sanction is based on a careful consideration of the entire records of this proceeding, including, but not limited to, the nature of the violation involved, the absence of direct consumer harm, PVL's transition to an online registration system at the time, along with the various mitigating factors presented on Respondent's behalf including Respondent's own willingness to take responsibility for its actions, an assessment of Respondent and Ms. Briones sincerity, credibility, and remorsefulness based upon testimony and other evidence adduced at hearing.

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DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, July 25, 2024

DESIRÉE L. HIKIDA Administrative Hearings Officer Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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[JOINT PROPOSED] UNDISPUTED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; EXHIBITS 1-2, 4-10, A-I

Status Conference: Date: March 8, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hearing: TBD

Hearings Officer: Desiree L. Hikida

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INC. doing business as ASSOCIA HAWAII ("Respondent"), hereby jointly submit the following

proposed undisputed facts and law pursuant to the request of the Hearings Officer at the February

Appendix A

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2, 2024 Pre-Hearing Conference and in furtherance of the purposes of HAR §§ 16-201-21¹ and

16-201-30.²

	UNDISPUTED FACTS / LAW	SOURCE
1.	Bernadette Briones served as principal broker for Respondent at all relevant times to the Petition until April 5, 2023.	Amended Petition; Exhibits 8 and 10
2.	The deadline to submit license renewals for 2023-2024 was midnight (HST) December 31, 2022.	Exhibits 4 and 6
3.	On November 20, 2022, Ms. Briones submitted her license renewal application for 2023 and paid the renewal fee of \$268.	<u>Exhibit 7</u>
4.	On December 29, 2022, Ms. Briones submitted Respondent's license renewal application for 2023 and paid the renewal fee of \$343.	<u>Exhibit 5</u>
5.	To qualify for license renewal, licensees must provide proof of having attended at least 20 hours of commission approved continuing education courses during the 2-year period preceding the application for renewal.	HRS § 467-11.5(a) HAR § 16-99-90 General Information for Real Estate License Licensing Branch – www.hawaii.gov/hirec
6.	Evidence of completing required continuing education hours shall include but not be limited to submission by the provider, using a commission-prescribed electronic method, of the licensee's name, license number, license status, course, and instructor names, and other information the commission may require.	HAR § 16-99-90
7.	A licensee shall not take a continuing education course for which the licensee has already received a certificate within two consecutive biennia.	HAR § 16-99-95
8.	Continuing education clock hours obtained in excess of the continuing education hours required by Section 467-11.5, HRS, cannot be carried forward to satisfy the continuing education requirements for any subsequent license renewal.	HAR § 16-99-93

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² Simplify issues and facilitate the orderly progress of the hearing.

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9.	Failure to satisfy the continuing education requirement by the license expiration date shall result in the renewed license being automatically placed on an "inactive" status.	HRS § 467-11.5(a)
10.	"Inactive" means the status of a current license that is not	HAR § 16-99-2
	forfeited, suspended, revoked, or terminated, the holder of which cannot transact any real estate business until the license status is changed to "active" status.	HRS § 467-7
11.	In her renewal application, Ms. Briones reported completing 6 continuing education classes worth 20 total hours of	Exhibit C (CE Cert. – Core B);
	continuing education.	Exhibit D (CE Cert. – Basics of Condo Governance);
		<u>Exhibit E</u> (CE Cert. – Understanding Condo Financial Information);
		<u>Exhibit F</u> (CE Cert. – Core A);
		<u>Exhibit G</u> (CE Cert. – Document Diligence);
		Exhibit H (The CE Shop Summary re: Assistance Animals and Fair Housing Reported on 12/28/20 and 11/14/22)
12.	I of the classes that Ms. Briones submitted did not count toward her 20-hour requirement because she previously took the same class in 2020.	<u>Exhibit A</u> (CE Cert Assistance Animals and Fair Housing);
		Exhibit H (The CE Shop Summary re: Assistance Animals and Fair Housing Reported on 12/28/20 and 11/14/22)
		HAR § 16-99-95
13.	Ms. Briones did not qualify for license renewal because she failed to provide proof that she met the 20-hour requirement.	<u>Exhibit 2</u> (AH022)
14.	Ms. Briones's license was automatically placed on inactive status effective January 1, 2023.	<u>Exhibit 2</u> (AH022)
15.	Any real estate brokerage business of Respondent is required to be under the direct management of a principal broker who is	HRS § 467-8

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	an officer or employee and holds a current active real estate broker's license.	
16.	When a principal broker's license is processed as inactive, all licensees under that principal broker will also automatically have their licenses placed on involuntary inactive status	HAR § 16-99-5.1
17.	"Involuntary Inactive" means the status of a current license resulting from the forfeiture, suspension, revocation, termination, or inactive status of a principal broker, broker in charge, branch office, or brokerage firm, as the case may be.	HAR § 16-99-2 HAR § 16-99-5.1
18.	Respondent's license was placed on "involuntary inactive" status effective January 1, 2023.	Exhibit 1 (AH006)
19.	To reactivate a license which has been placed on an "inactive" status, the licensee must submit to the commission proof of having satisfied the continuing education requirement, a complete application for reinstatement, and payment of a reinstatement fee.	HRS § 467-11.5(b) HAR § 16-99-91 General Information for Real Estate License Licensing Branch – www.hawaii.gov/hirec
20.	Ms. Briones's license was reactivated effective May 8, 2023.	Exhibit 2 (AH022)
21.	To reactivate its license, Respondent needed to have a principal broker who is an officer or employee and holds a current active real estate broker's license, complete the application for reinstatement, and pay the reinstatement fee.	HRS § 467-8 General Information for Real Estate License Licensing Branch – www.hawaii.gov/hirec <u>Exhibit 1</u> (Feb. 2023 Real Estate Commission Bulletin)
22.	On April 6, 2023, Respondent appointed Phyllis Kacher (RB- 14949) as principal broker in place of Ms. Briones.	Exhibits 8 and 10
23.	On April 6, 2023, Respondent submitted the necessary form and paid the necessary fee to reactivate its license.	<u>Exhibit 9</u> Exhibit 10
24.	Respondent's license was reactivated effective April 10, 2023.	Exhibit 1 (AH006)
25.	During the inactive license period, Respondent, its branch offices, and employees continued to provide various services to the 313 condominium associations it serves, in accordance with their respective contracts.	Exhibit 1 (AHD06) Amended Petition and Response thereto

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To further facilitate and streamline presentment of evidence, the parties agree to the admissibility of each of the above-referenced exhibits, true and accurate copies of which are attached hereto.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii; February 27, 2024.

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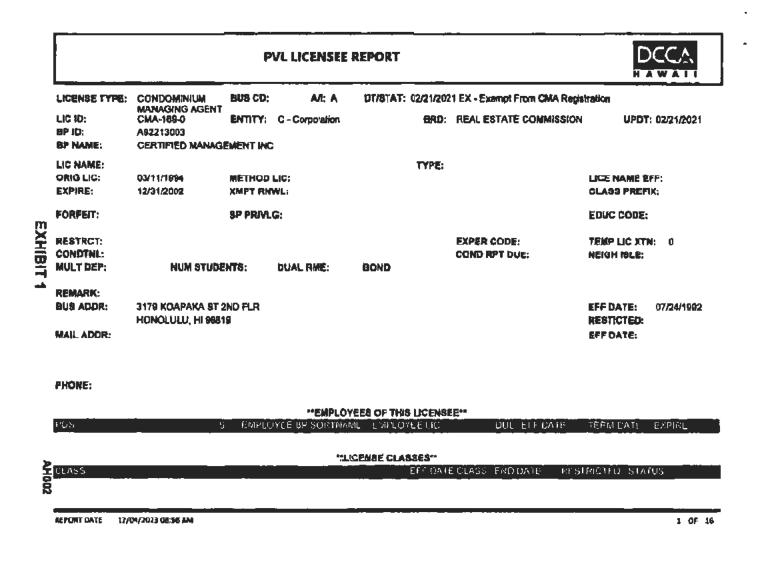
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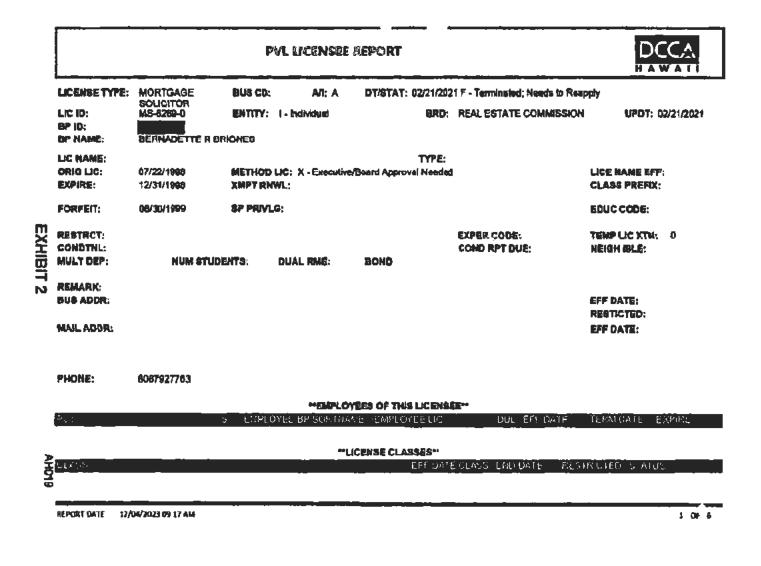
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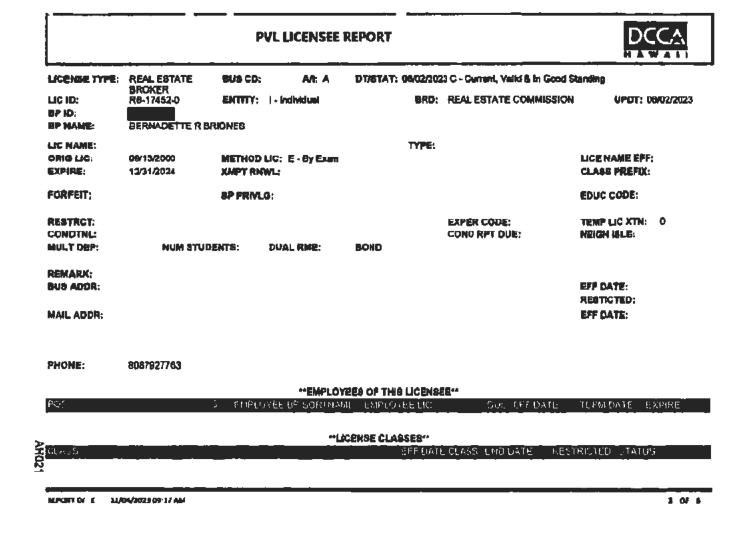
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Renew Your REAL ESTATE BROKER ENTITY License BEGINNING Monday, 10/24/22

Aloha: **RB-16152-0** will expire on 12/31/22.

RENEW ONLINE at https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov/ by midnight (HST) 12/31/22. It's secure, fast and simple! Pay by credit card or checking account and have a receipt emailed to you.

MyPVL Login: peterw@associahawaii.com is the email address associated with this license

License not renewed by license expiration date or on an inactive status shall not practice. Doing so may subject you to disciplinary action

POCKET ID's MUST Be Printed Online

• You must retrieve and print your pocket ID card online via your MyPVL account at

https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov/ NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Any request to have one mailed to you will be at a charge of \$10

RENEWAL PROCESSING TIME:

Are subject to licensee meeting all requirements and may be longer due to high volume of renewals received.

Early submittals are recommended.

Licenses not renewed/restored by 12/31/23 must reapply as a new applicant and meet current requirements.

FOR MORE RENEWAL & RESTORATION INFORMATION Go to: https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/

View the "Renewal and Restoration" information under licensing area's web page.

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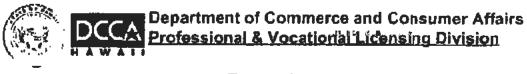
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Renewal Application

LICENSE DATA

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION License Number: R8-16152 File Number: 3003 REAL ESTATE BROKER ENTITY

LICENSEE INFORMATION

LICENSEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD

CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT INC CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT INC 737 BISHOP ST 3100 HONOLULU, HI 96813

TOTAL (ON TIME) FEE OF: \$343.00 By License Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

PRINCIPAL BROKER (PB) ON FILE

PAYMENT INFORMATION

RENEWAL RECEIVED ON:

12/29/2022

TRANSACTION REFERENCE ID 000635265

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$343.00

PAYMENT METHOD

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LICENSEE HAS ANSWERED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Questions (To be completed by the Licensee) Licensee must answer the following questions:

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- Since you last filed an application (initial/renewal), has your license in this state or any other jurisdiction been formally disciplined by way of a fine, suspension, restriction, or revocation? No
- Are there any disciplinary actions pending against you in this state or any other jurisdiction?
 No
- Since you last filed an application (initial/renewal), have you been convicted of a crime in which the conviction has not been annulled or expunged? No
- 4. Does this brokerage, or any associated licensee, manage property? Yes
- 5. If yes, how many units does your brokerage manage in total? Over 100

Certification

I understand that my license expires on the License Expiration Date shown above. I understand that if I fail to renew my license by the license expiration date I am unlicensed and shall not practice. I further understand that I may resume practice only after I have met all appropriate restoration requirements.

I certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct. I understand that misrepresentation is grounds for board refusal to renew or subsequent suspension or revocation of license.

Signature: Bemadette R. Briones

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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License not renewed by license expiration date or on an inactive status shall not practice. Doing so may subject you to disciplinary action

POCKET ID's MUST Be Printed Online

• You must retrieve and print your pocket ID card online via your MyPVL account at

https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov/ NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Any request to have one mailed to you will be at a charge of \$10

RENEWAL PROCESSING TIME:

Are subject to licensee meeting all requirements and may be longer due to high volume of renewals received. Early submitteds are recommended.

Licenses not renewed/restored by 12/31/27 must reapply as a new applicant and meet current requirements.

FOR MORE RENEWAL & RESTORATION INFORMATION Go to;

https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/ View the "Renewal and Restoration" information under licensing area's web page.

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Renewal Application

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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION License Number: RB-17452 File Number: 1642

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LICENSEE INFORMATION

LICENSEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD

BERNADETTE R BRIONES 2730 BOOTH RD HONOLULU, HI 96813

TOTAL (ON TIME) FEE OF: \$268.00 By License Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

BROKER AFFILIATION (EMPLOYER/FIRM)

CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT INC

RB-16152-0

PAYMENT INFORMATION

RENEWAL RECEIVED ON: 11/20/2022

TRANSACTION REFERENCE ID 000616727

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$268.00 **PAYMENT METHOD**

TOTAL FEES PAID BY

BILLING ADDRESS

LICENSEE HAS ANSWERED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Questions (To be completed by the Licensee) Licensee must answer the following guestions:

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 Since you last filed an application (initial/renewal), has your license in this state or any other jurisdiction been formally disciplined by way of a fine, suspension, restriction, or revocation? No

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- 2. Are there any disciplinary actions pending against you in this state or any other jurisdiction?
- 3. Since you last filed an application (initial/renewal), have you been convicted of a crime in which the conviction has not been annulled or expunged? No

Certification

I understand that my license expires on the License Expiration Date shown above. I understand that if I fail to renew my license by the license expiration date I am unlicensed and shall not practice. I further understand that I may resume practice only after I have met all appropriate restoration requirements.

I certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct. I understand that misrepresentation is grounds for board refusal to renew or subsequent suspension or revocation of license.

Signature: Bernadette Reiko Briones

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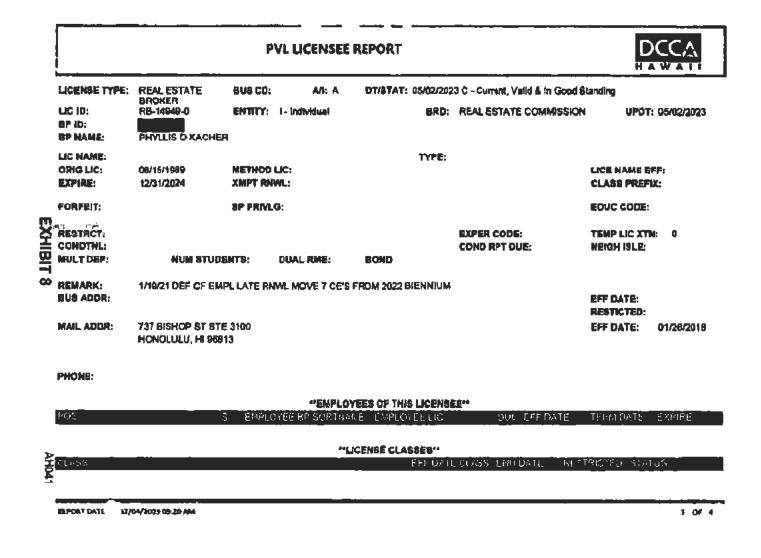
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Submit ORIGINALS only - FAX and PHOTOCOPIES will not be accepted. Use filiable feature or print in BLUE or BLACK INK ONLY). READ instructions carefully.

MI- approved aff. 4/4/23 Mail to: REAL ESTATE COMMISSION DCCA, PVL Licensing Branch

P.O. Box 3469 Honaluty, HI 96801

Legal Name of Individual or Susineas Entity: Phyllis D. Kacher		pr 335 Merchant St., Room 301 Henoluky, HI 96813	
License Name (Individual's First, Middle, LAST, or Entity) Phyllis O. Kecher	License Number RB- 14949	Other Registrations CMA-	
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Business Address only if entity: (NO P.O. BOX)	Phone Number (days)		
737 Bishiop Street, Suite 3100 Hon XI 96813	808837-5273		
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Change RESIDENCE LOCATION ADDRESS to address above. Sign and date page 2 in Section B,

Change MAILING ADDRESS. Complete "Mailing Address" above. Sign and data page 2 in Section B.

Change BUSINESS ADDRESS of principal place of business or branch office. Sign and data page 2 in Section B to certilly that the new business address is in compliance with Chapter 467, HRS, and Chapter 99, HAR, Fee: \$10

New business address:

Phone Number:

Request DUPLICATE LICENSE Indicate type below. Fee: \$10 for each license or contificate. Sign and date page 2 in Section 8.

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Change, Add or Delets (check one) TRADE NAME (entity only, includes sole proprietor). Submit e copy of the "Application for Registration of Trade Name" that has been filled-stamped by the Business Registration Division, Commerce and Consumer Affeirs. Sign and Jace page 2 in Section 6. Fee: \$10 From:

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Change, Add or Detete (check and) LICENSE NAME of Individual. Sign and data page 2 in Section B. The license name of individual broker, RBS, or salesperson shall include the individual's full legal surname. Fee: \$10

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SURRENDER of License individual, entity, or branch office): Complete Section A above. A licensee who has no pending completely, investigations, disciplinary petitions liked against the licensee or disciplinary hearings may eurrander the license. Attach well certificate and pocket license. If the pocket ID cerd end/or will certificate are not available, please provide a written explanation as to why they cannot be provided. Once license is surrandered, the series who deskee to engage in real entries estivity in the toture must must direquirements as a new applicant. Sign and date page 2 in Section B

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Licenses Deceased. Provide a copy of death certificate or oblituary. Signature of individual submitting the information is not required.

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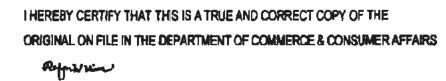
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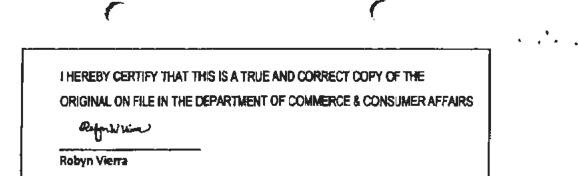
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Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigged Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii, do hereby certify that according to the records of this Department,

CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT, INC.

was incorporated under the laws of Hawaii on 11/25/1991; and that it is an existing corporation in good standing, and is duly authorized to transact business.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dated: April 05, 2023

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Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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- (2) The brokenge firm's records, contracts, and documents;
- (3) All real estate contracts of the brokerage firm and its handling by the associated real estate salesperson;
- (4) The proper heading of any commission application, real estate incase application, or renewal application that the principal broker or the brokerage firm expressly agrees to handle on behalf of the applicant, including without limitation, verifying for completeness and appropriate fees, and mailing or delivering the appropriate documents to the commission by the required deadline;
- (6) Developing policies and procedures for the brokerage firm concerning the handling of real astaro transactions and the contract of the associated real estate licensees and other staff, including education and enforcement of the policies and procedures;
- (6) Setting a policy on continuing education requirements for all associated real estate licensees in compliance with the statutory requirement;
- Ensuring that the licenses of all associated real estato licensees and the brokerage firm license are current and active;
- (8) Establishing and maintaining a training program for all associated real astate licensees; and
- (9) Ensuring that all associated real estate licensecs are provided information and training on the latest amendments to real estate licensing laws and rules as well as other related laws and rules.

If the principal broker is not an officer of a corporation, not a partner of a partnership, or not a member of a member-managed limited trability company, he/she must be an employee. (Sections 457-8(4), 467-8(5), and 467-8(8), HRS).

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SELECTED:

The principal broker is an officer of a corporation, a partner of a partnership, or a member of a member-managed or manager of a menager-managed limited liability company

The principal broker is an EMPLOYEE of the corporation, partnership, or limited liability company

Except in the case of one person entities, this document must be signed by an officer, genner, menager, or member other then the pension broker.

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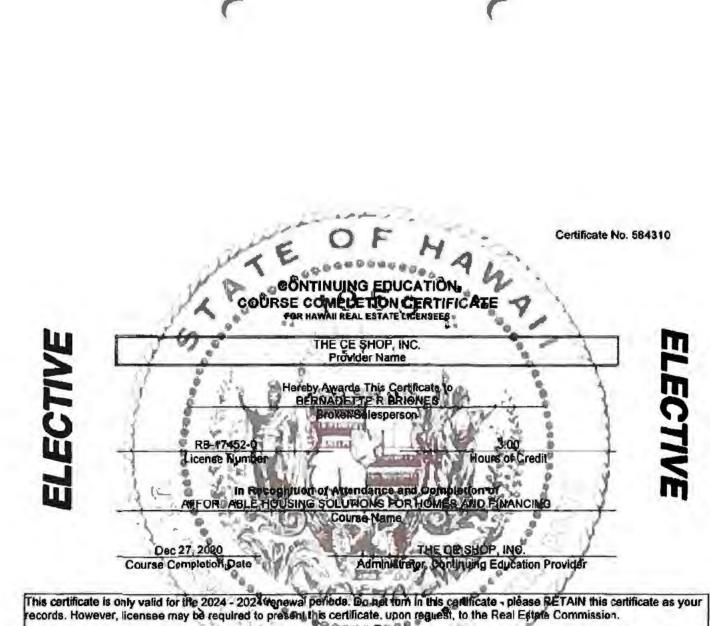
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M-205: Risk Management

September 16, 2021

CAI appreciates your commitment to building better communities through professionalism, effective leadership and responsible citizenship.

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Continuing Education Credit for CMCA, AMS, and PCAM Credentials

Course	CMCA	AMS	PCAM
M-100: The Essentials of Community Management	Prerequisite course to earn the CMCA	To earn the AMS, you must pass the CMCA Exam (for which the M-100 is a prerequisite course)	To earn the PCAM, you must pass the CMCA Exam (for which the M-100 is a prerequisite course)
M-201: Facilities Management	12 hours of CE credit toward recertification		
M-202: Association Communications	12 hours of CE credit toward recertification		
M-203: Community Leadership	12 hours of CE credit toward recertification	* To earn the AMS: Pass any two 200-level courses * To redesignate: Pass one 200-level course and	
M-204: Community Governance	14 hours of CE credit toward recertification	complete eight hours of other industry related education to fulfill the AMS redesignation	All 200-level courses are required to earn the PCAM
M-205: Risk Management	14 hours of CE credit toward recertification		
M-206: Financial Management	14 hours of CE credit toward recertification		
M-300: Ethics and the Community Manager	6 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-310: Management Company Administration	16 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-320: High-Rise Maintenance & Management	16 hours of Œ credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-330: Advanced Insurance and Risk Management	16 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-340: Managing the Large-Scale Association	16 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-350: Manager and the Law	16 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
A-360: Leadership Practices in Building Community	16 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-370: Managing Developing Communities	12 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
1-380: Litigation Training for Manager	8 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-390: Leadership Practices in Customer Service	B hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement
M-400 ⁻ Contemporary Issues in Community Management	12 hours of CE credit toward recertification	Can be used for AMS redesignation after completing all 200-level courses, or as the 8 additional hours	Fulfills PCAM redesignation requirement

Maintaining the AMS or PCAM designation fulfills the continuing education requirements for CMCA recertification

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Did You Successfully Renew Your License?

Now that on-time renewals are over, here are a few things the Real Estate Branch would like to point out:

Real Estate License renewals occur every EVEN-NUMBERED year (e.g. 2022, 2024, 2026). We are talking about your REAL ESTATE LICENSE and NOT your Board of REALTORS® membership. Do not confuse the two!

Visit the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's License Search site at https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov/public-license-search/ or your MyPVL account at https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov to confirm your license was renewed successfully. Check that your license expiration reflects 12/31/24 and your status reads "CURRENT, VALID & IN GOOD STANDING". Also, if you renewed on ACTIVE status be sure to check that it states "Active". If you renewed on active status but it reads "INACTIVE", your license is inactive and you should double-check why.

If your license was renewed INACTIVE involuntarily, here are a few possible reasons:

1. LACK OF CE HOURS:

Duplicate continuing education credit. Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules, §16-99-95, "Duplicate continuing education hours. Except as provided by the commission or by this subchapter, a licensee shall not take a continuing education course for which the licensee has already received a certificate within two consecutive biennia." Therefore, if you have repeated a continuing education (CE) course that you have taken in the previous biennium, you will not receive credit for the repeated CE course.

Licensees are responsible to confirm their CE course(s) have not been duplicated and may track their previous courses via their MyPVL account and clicking on the RECE (Real Estate Continuing Education) tab.

Once you have completed your CEs and your courses have been reported to the education system by the CE provider(s), you must submit a Change Form to the Licensing Branch with the required \$25.00 reactivation fee. Complete Section A, mark the "REACTIVATE License" box, and have your principal broker or broker-in-charge sign the form in Section D. (cont. page 2)



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Did You Successfully Renew Your License? (cont. from page 1)

Ethics courses. If the trade organization is requiring ethics courses as a prerequisite to complete the membership renewal process, keep in mind only CE courses approved by the Hawaii Real Estate Commission ("Commission") and offered by a CE Provider approved by the Commission are available for CE credit to Hawaii real estate licensees. Contact the CE provider that is offering that particular ethics course to see if it was approved by the Commission to receive CE credit. If the course is not a Commission approved course, you will not receive credit for it.

2. DEPENDENCY:

If a PB, BIC, and/or brokerage firm's license(s) was not successfully renewed before December 31, 2022, all associated licensees who have renewed their individual licenses will be current but inactive. You can check the status of your PB's, BIC's, and/or the brokerage firm's license at https://mypvl.dcca.hawaii.gov/public-license-search/.

Remember to check that your license was properly renewed. With a forfeited or inactive license, you must stop conducting any real estate activity.

YOU MUST RENEW YOUR LICENSE WHETHER YOU ARE ACTIVE OR INACTIVE

Always remember to renew your license and pay the renewal fees every even-numbered year to keep it CURRENT. Placing your license on an inactive status and failing to pay for the renewal fee will result in a forfeited license. Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 436B-2, a forfeited license means the immediate and automatic termination or cancellation without any prior consultation with the licensec of a license issued by a board, eaused by a licensee's voluntary or involuntary failure to comply with the requirements for maintaining or renewing a license. Late fees and additional requirements must be met to restore your forfeited license.

SURRENDERING YOUR LICENSE

Finally, if you decide to surrender your license and not pay for your renewal fees, this may be done with a change form. Surrendering a license is not the same as inactivating a license. Surrendering your license means you shall cease conducting all real estate activities. Forever. Should you decide to engage in any real estate activity again, you shall obtain a <u>new license as</u> <u>a new applicant for a salesperson license</u>. In other words, once you surrender your license, you no longer have a license and you will be subject to applicable new licensing requirements in effect at the time of application (i.e. prelicense school, state exam). For brokers who surrender their license, they must start over as a salesperson.

On-Time License Renewal Statistics

As of January 10, 2023, the renewal statistics for real estate brokers, entities, and salespersons are as follows:

Licenses Eligible for Renewal	No. of Licenses	Licenses Renewed	% Renewed	Online Renewals	% of Licenses Renewed Online
Real Estate Brokers (RB)	4,248	3,892	91.6%	3,775	97%
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Real Estate Entity (RB)	1,742	1,575	90.4%	1,486	94.3%
Real Estate Branch Office (RBO)	132	100	75.8%	99	99%
Real Estate Salesperson (RS)	13,597	11 ,306	83.1%	10,928	96.7%
TOTAL	20,521	17,540	85.5%	16,934	96.5%

The Chair's Message

Happy New Year! Webcome, 2023!

Actually, by the time you read this (due to publication deadlines), Kung Hei Fat Choi or Happy Chinese New Year will be more appropriate. And, therefore, Welcome the Year of the Rabbit!

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Wow ~ 2023! It is amazing how fast time passes. It seems like only yesterday I was answering questions from the State Senate and getting sworn in as a new commissioner. In actuality, that was not yesterday but four years ago and I will be completing my term this summer.

Since then, much has transpired. The world went through unprecedented times. We faced many challenges. Many lost loved ones unexpectedly. Fortunately, due to our hard work, focus, and persistence things are improving. Each and every day significant progress is being made in a positive direction. This recent course of events has influenced my new year's resolution. These events have also made me better comprehend the saying, "time does not stop for anyone." Recognizing and realizing this – my 2023 resolution is:

- (1) Be grateful for each day; and,
- (2) Be appreciative of the blessings I have.

What is your 2023 Resolution?

For those of you who have one, congratulations and good luck. For those of you who do not have one, if I may, may I suggest one?

Be the best Hawaii real estate licensee that you can be.

Some of you may be thinking, is Commissioner Yamane nuts? What a corny resolution! If you would allow me some latitude, let me explain.

Since sitting on the Real Estate Commission, the most asked question or request I have had by many of you licensees has been - can you guess? That is right!

Can you please keep my name out of the Administrative Actions section of the Real Estate Bulletin?

I find human nature to be interesting. Many of you tell me the first place you turn to when receiving the Bulletin is the Administrative Actions section. Some of you tell me the Administrative Action section is the only section of the Bulletin you read. (Shame on you for not reading the Chair's Message.) All of you tell me the reason you look there is to make sure your name is not mentioned and you want to know who among your poers is in trouble. "Whete... good... I am safe but, look ... so and so is in trouble." A true dicbotomy if you will, very interesting.

First, I do not have the power to keep you out of the Bulletin if you deserve to be highlighted in the Administrative Action section. I know more of you, especially those who have not read my message, will still ask. No problem.

Second, you are your own keeper. As a licensed professional you proved to be a responsible individual. Most times, your actions or your inactions lead to your "fame" and your name being published in the Butletin. As a licensed professional, you have laws you must abide by, rules and regulations to follow, and a code of ethics to honor. You have taxes, dues, and fees that must be paid in a timely manner. You were granted a license after taking classes, passing an examination, and applying with the State of Hawaii. You assured the Real Estate Commission you would deal with the public in an honest, professional, and ethical manner. Furthermore, you would be accountable for your actions and conduct your business with Integrity. Do you now see why I suggested the resolution – be the best Hawaii real estate licensee that

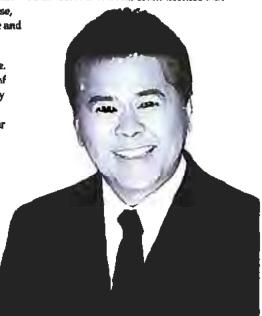
you can be? The Reat Estate Commission's job is to protect the public. If you honor your license, carry yourself in a professional manner and be the best you can be, you will stay out of trouble and out of the Administrative Action section of the REC Bulletin.

Finally, stop and think for a moment about how lucky you are to be a Hawaii real estate licensee. Hawaii is paradise. As a Hawaii real estate licensee you are able to sell a piece or many pieces of paradise. Look at your beautiful surroundings – blue skies; lush, green mountains; white, sandy beaches – white breathing fresh, clean air; observing vibrant rainbows; and feeling the radiant sun's warmth. How blessed are you? Quite blessed. I would say, so appreciate it. Let's take our profession seriously in 2023. If you do, 2023 will definitely be an exceptional year.

Wishing all of you good health, continued success, and much happiness.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Derrick Yamme, Chair Hawali Real Estate Commission



Reactivating or Restoring Your License

RE-ACTIVATING OR RESTORING A FORFEITED LICENSE

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Broker Experience Certificate Must Be Presented to PSI Prior to Testing

Broker candidates must apply for and receive a broker experience certificate ("BE") prior to sitting for the broker licensing exam with PSI. Without an approved BE, candidate exams will not be honored.

The following are samples of the "Application for Experience Certificate-Real Estate Broker" and the "Experience Certification Statement". These forms ARE NOT THE CERTIFICATE TO SIT FOR THE EXAM. You must submit the application, experience statement and application fee to the Real Estate Branch PRIOR to sitting for the exam.

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Once approved, you will receive the BE certificate, which is a pink form that includes your name, address, type of exam, expiration date, the Executive Officer's signature and a seal affixed to the certificate.

There are several Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") that directly impact these instances, with the resulting voiding of the applicant's test score(s) and rejection of the license application.

HAR §16-99-19 states, "License applications. (a) All applications for a real estate salesperson or broker license shall be accompanied by: ... (2) Supporting documents to satisfy the applicable education and experience requirements: Applications not accompanied by supporting documents shall be rejected. In the event an applicant has not satisfied the applicable education and experience requirements, the applicant's examination score shall be declared void and the license application rejected."

HAR §16-99-19.2(f), states, "If the applicant has satisfied the three-year full-time experience requirement, the commission shall issue to the applicant an experience certificate that shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance. The experience certificate shall be produced at the applicant's examination appointment and submitted with the applicant's application for individual broker license."

HAR §16-99-29(g) states, "At the location for examination, all candidates for salesperson or broker examination shall present a current real estate school completion certificate or current education equivalency certificate. Candidates for broker examination also shall present a current experience certificate at the examination location."

Can a Broker or Salesperson Form an Entity and Have Commissions Paid to that Entity?

This is a frequently asked question of the Real Estate Branch staff. The answer is "No."

"But my accountant advised me to do this for tax purposes." That is the most common response from the inquirer. However, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and the Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") together dictate that a licensee associated with a brokerage firm cannot form an entity and have the licensee's earned real estate commissions paid directly to the entity. Once earned, commissions are **paid directly to the licensee by his or her broker**, and the licensee may do what he or she wishes with that commission, **once received**.

Let's review what the real estate licensing laws and rules state.

HRS. 6467-14(5)

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This section states, in part, that a real estate salesperson must not accept any commission or other compensation for any real estate-related activity from any person other than the salesperson's employer or the real estate broker with whom the real estate salesperson associates.

HRS, §467-14(6)

This section states that a real estate salesperson must not act or attempt to act as a real estate broker, and must not represent, or attempt to represent any real estate broker other than the real estate salesperson's employer or the real estate broker with whom the real estate salesperson is associated.

HRS. 55467-8(a)(4), (5), (8)

These sections state that no real estate license shall be issued to any partnership, corporation, or limited liability company unless the real estate brokerage business is under the direct management of a principal broker who holds a current active real estate broker's license.

HRS. §467-8(a)(7)

This section states that no real estate salesperson's license shall be approved or issued with a trade name.

HRS. §467-14(11)

This section states that a real estate salesperson must file a written statement naming the broker by whom the real estate salesperson is employed or associated.

HAR. 616-99-3(p)

This section states that no real estate licensee shall act as a broker, real estate broker-salesperson or real estate salesperson for more than one brokerage firm.

HAR. §§16-99-3(m). (n)

These sections state that there shall be a principal broker or one or more brokers-in-charge at the principal place of business and that the principal place of business must be located in the state with the address registered with the Commission.

HAR. §16-99-2 Definitions

"Broker-salesperson" means an individual broker licensee who associates that individual's own license with a brokerage firm as an employee or independent contractor.

"Place of business" means the physical place where business is conducted other than a post office box, telephone, telephone answering service, letter or mail drop service, or motor vehicle within the State, and may include a horde occupation office. . . . Each brokerage firm shall have one, and only one, principal place of business."

Administrative Actions October 2022

ALOHA DREAM VACATIONS, Uncontested Facts: INC., and HEIDI M. VENABLE. n.k.s. HEIDI M. SCHROEDER **RB 19817 and** RB 17275

Case No. REC 2017-44-L.

Dated 10/24/22

(Commission approved settlement agreement after filing of petition for disciplinary action)

At all times relevant herein, Respondent Heide M. Venable, now known as Heidi M. Schroeder ("Venable"), was licensed by the Real Estate Commission ("Commission") _gs a _rea]_ estate • broker under license number RB#273 Photo license was issued May 19, 1999, placed into inactive status on November 18, 2018, was not renewed by its December 31, 2018 expiration date. and is currently expired and/or forfeited.

At all hmes relevant herein, Respondent Aloha Dream Vacations, Inc. was litensed by the . Commission as a real estate broker entity under license number RB-19817. The license was issued February 4, 2008, placed into inactive status on November 18, 2018, was not renewed by its December 31, 2018 expiration date, and is currently expired and/or forfeited.

At all times relevant herein, Respondent Venable - • was Respondent Aloha Dream Vacations, Inc.'s designated principal broker.

Respondents' mailing address for purposes of this action is in care of their attorney, James D. DiPasquale, Esquire, of the law firm DiPasquale & Summers, LLP, 841 Bishop Street, Suite 1610, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

On May 17, 2022, Potitioner filed a First Amended Petition for Disciplinary Action alleging that Respondents violated the following provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and/or Hawati Administrative Rules ("HAR") governing the conduct of real estate licensees in the State of Hawaii

- HRS §436B-19(2) (making untruthful or improbable statements);
- HRS §436B-19(17) (violating the chapter);
- HRS §467-1.6(b)(2) (principal broker is responsible for the brokerage firm's contracts and documents);
- HRS §467-14(1) (making any misrepresentation concerning any real estate transaction);
- HRS 9467-14(3) (pursuing a continued . and flagrant course of misrepresentation, or making of false promises through advertising or otherwise);

- HRS §467-14(7) (failing, within a reasonable time, to account for any moneys belonging to others that may be in the possession or under the control of the licensee);
- HRS §467-14(8) (any other conduct constituting fraudulent or dishonest dealings);
- HRS 5467-14(16) (converting other people's moneys to the licensee's own use);
- HRS §467-14(20) (failure to maintain a reputation for or record of competency, honesty, truthfulness, financial integrity, and fair dealing);
- HAR §16-99-3(a) (to fully protect the general public in its real estate transactions, every licensee shall conduct business, including the licensee's own personal real estate transactions, in accordance with this section);
- HAR §16-99-3(b) (the licensee shall protect the public against fraud, misrepresentation, or unethical practices in the real estate field); and HAR §16-99-3(v) (the licensee shall not convect other people's moneys to the licensee's own use).

Alleged Violations:

HRS §436B-19(2); HRS §436B-19(17); HRS §467-1.6(b) (2); HRS §467-14(1); HRS §467-14(3); HRS §467-14(7); HRS § 467-14(8); HRS §467-14(16); HRS §467-14(20); HAR §16-99-3(a); HAR §16-99-3(b); HAR §16-99-3(v)

Sanctions:

Respondents stipulate and agree to the revocation of their respective real estate brokers' licenses.

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December 2022

JUDITH M. ANDERSON dba ANDERSON PROPERTIES RB-12561

Case No. REC 2022-431-L

Dated 12/19/2022

(Commission approved settlement agreement after filing of petition for disciplinary action)

Uncontexted Facts:

At all relevant times herein, Respondent was licensed by the Real Estate Commission as a real estate broker under License Number RB 12561. Respondent's license number RB 12561 is set to expire on or about December 31, 2022 and is currently in the process of renewal and may be renewed upon approval of the Commission.

On or about April 25, 2022, RICO filed a Petition for Disciplinary Action alleging that Respondent violated, in part, the following statute(s) and/or rule(s): Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §§ 436B-19(8); 436B-19(17) 467-14(8); 467-14(20) and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 16-99-3(b).

Alleged Violations:

HR5 \$4368-19(8); \$4368-19(17); \$467-14(8); \$467-14(20); HAR \$16-99-3(b)

Sanction:

Closure of Respondent's Property Management business by March 31, 2023. Fine of \$1,000

Respondent is represented by Shawn Nakon, Esq. and Monica Choi, Esq., Kush Moore LLP

Statutory/Rule Violations

Settlement Agreement (Allegations/Sanction): The Respondent does not admit to the allegations set forth by the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) and denies having violated any licensing law or rule. The respondent enters in a Settlement Agreement as a compromise of the claims and to conserve on the expense of proceeding with a hearing on the matter.

Disciplinary Action (Factual Findings/Order). The respondent is found to have violated the specific laws and rules cited, and the Commission approves the recommended order of the Hearings Officer.

HRS §4368-19(2)	Engaging in false, fraudulent, or deceptive advertising, or making untruthful or improbable statements.
HRS \$436B-19(8)	Failure to maintain a record or history of competency, trustworthiness, fair dealing, and financial integrity.
HRS §436B-19(17)	Violating this chapter, the applicable licensing laws, or any rule or order of the licensing authority.
HRS §467-1.6(b)(2)	The principal broker shall be responsible for: The brokerage firm's records, contracts, and documents;
HRS §467-14(1)	Making any misrepresentation concerning any real estate transaction.
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CONDO HAWAII

Mediation for Condo Owners

You just closed on the sale of a condominium unit for your clients. Congratulations! You know that condominium living offers many benefits, affordability sitting at the top of the list for many people. In a Hawai'i real estate market that prices many families out of the housing market, you've just helped a family make a move into homeownership.

Condominium living means living alongside and getting along with our fellow condominium owners. As can be expected when people live in proximity, disputes will occasionally arise within these communities. The guiding philosophy of the Hawai'i condominium law regarding disputes is one of minimal involvement by government agencies in the daily affairs of the condominium association and a reliance on self-governance by the condominium association community, that is, all the unit owners.

How can you prepare new condominium owners for disputes that might arise in their new community? With the law's emphasis on condominium self-governance and the limited authority of government to directly intervene in disputes between owners, a low-cost method of resolving disputes arising within a condominium association is necessary. Mediation is a valuable tool for resolving every-day issues that come up amongst and between condominium unit owners with ongoing relationships.

The Hawai'i legislature recognized the value of mediation as a dispute resolution tool and determined to encourage use of this option. The legislature amended the condominium law to increase a portion of the registration fee for condominium associations registered with the Real Estate Branch (REB) with the increase going towards subsidizing evaluative mediation for unit owners in these associations.

Evaluative mediation is a form of dispute resolution that utilizes trained mediators with knowledge of and experience in Hawai'i's condominium law. Many evaluative mediators are retired judges and active or retired attorneys. The evaluative mediator provides mediating parties with an assessment of the dispute as well as the relative strengths of the parties' positions based on the current law. The assessment may include a recommendation for resolution based upon the facts and issues presented, and the mediator's legal analysis of the dispute.

Evaluative mediation is available to owners residing in condominium associations registered with the REB. It is statutorily required when it involves the interpretation or enforcement of the association's declaration, bylaws, or house rules and the issue has not been subject to previous mediation, arbitration, or legal proceedings. If a mediation meets these requirements, a written request for mediation cannot be ignored.

Additionally, in cases where the parties agree and the dispute involves (1) threatened property damage or the health or safety of unit owners or other persons, (2) actions to collect assessments, (3) personal injury claims or (4) matters that would affect the availability of insurance coverage on a policy obtained by or on behalf of the association, subsidized mediation is available to the disputing parties.

Go to our REB website link here, https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/resources-for-condominium-owners/ for "Mediation of Condominium Disputes", a brochure on mediation that includes a brief description of evaluative mediation and contact information on the available private providers who conduct subsidized condominium mediation for the REB. If you or your clients have any questions regarding the mediation procedure or its applicability to your clients' situation, give a provider a call.

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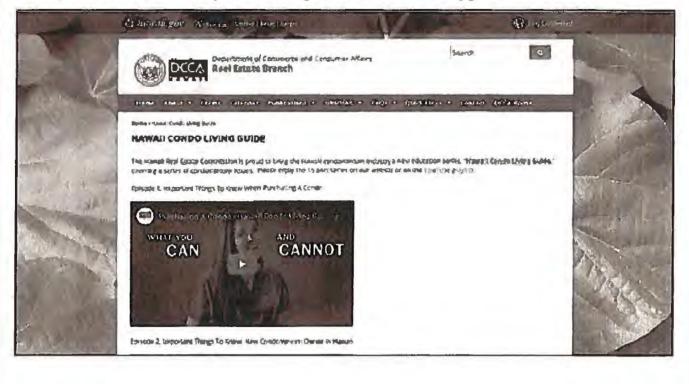
Of course, not all mediations will end in mutual agreement by the parties. Even so, each party to a mediation will have had the opportunity to hear a professional's candid assessment of the strength of their position which they otherwise would not have received. Mediation is an excellent means of resolving condominium disputes without engaging in litigation and maintaining peace between owners in the condominium association. The mediation process is less daunting, less costly, and takes less time and resources than litigating a condominium dispute.

You can make a difference in your clients' lives. Advise your new buyers in a condominium to avoid the courtroom! Condominium unit owners should always consider evaluative mediation first for resolving their condominium disputes.

Hawaii Condo Living Guide

The Hawaii Real Estate Commission is proud to bring the Hawaii condominium industry a new education series, "Hawaii Condo Living Guide," which covers a series of condominium issues. This 15-part series consists of educational and imperative topics such as "Purchasing a Condo", "Owner's Rights & Responsibilities", "Dispute Resolution", "Maintenance Fees & Special Assessments", and "Leaks and Water Damage". Check it out!

You may view all of the videos at https://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/hawaii-condo-living-guide/



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2023 Real Estate Commission Meeting Schedule

Real Estate Commission - 9:00 a.m.

Friday, January 27, 2023 Friday, February 24, 2023 Friday, March 24, 2023 Friday, April 21, 2023 Friday, May 26, 2023 Friday, June 23, 2023 Friday, July 21, 2023 Friday, August 25, 2023 Friday, September 22, 2023 Friday, October 27, 2023 Friday, November 17, 2023 Friday, December 15, 2023

Until further notice, Laws & Rules Review Committee, Condominium Review Committee, and Education Review Committee meeting items will be discussed at Real Estate Commission meetings.

Real Estate Commission Meetings will be held online via the Zoom platform. Physical location will be in the King Kalakaua Building, 335 Merchant Street, Room 333.

Meeting dates, locations and times are subject to change without notice. Please visit the Commission's website at www.hawaii.gov/hirec or call the Real Estate Commission Office at (808) 586-2643 to confirm the dates, times and locations of the meetings. This material can be made available to individuals with special needs. Please contact the Executive Officer at (808) 586-2643 to submit your request.