

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ASHRIF J HAMMAD,

Respondent.

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NO. H-42324 LA

# ORDER MODIFYING DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO STIPULATED SETTLEMENT

On or about October 18, 2022, A Default Decision was rendered revoking all licenses and licensing rights of Respondent ASHRIF J HAMMAD (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"). Said Decision became effective on November 17, 2022.

In connection with the rendering of said Decision, on or about February 6, 2023, Respondent petitioned the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, in Case No. 22STCP04372, for a First Amended Petition for Writ of Mandate or other Appropriate Relief to compel the Real Estate Commissioner to vacate and set aside his Decision.

In consideration for the dismissal with prejudice as set forth in the Stipulation for Judgment Remanding the Case to Douglas R. McCauley, Real Estate Commissioner for the State of California Pursuant to Stipulated Settlement and in complete settlement of Respondent's said Petition for Writ of Mandate, the following order is made modifying the discipline imposed on Respondent's real estate broker license:

# I. STAYED SUSPENSION OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law, with the exception of Respondent's MLO license endorsement (NMLS ID 306259), are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the Effective Date of this Decision; provided, however, that all ninety (90) days of said suspension shall be <u>stayed</u> for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- 2. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within one (1) year from the effective date of this Decision and 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. INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays the sum of \$1,931.14 for the Commissioner's reasonable costs of the investigation (\$1,321.54) and enforcement (\$609.60), which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The payment of 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

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# III. MLO LICENSE ENDORSEMENT

- 1. All MLO license endorsements and endorsement rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the Effective Date of the reinstatement of an MLO license endorsement or the issuance of a new MLO license endorsement.
- 2. Respondent further agrees that Respondent must satisfy the Education and Administrative Penalty provisions prior to reinstatement of their MLO license endorsement or issuance of new MLO license endorsement.

# IV. MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATION EDUCATION

- 1. No MLO license endorsement shall be issued to Respondent, unless Respondent takes and completes, prior to the reinstatement of Respondent's MLO license endorsement or the issuance of a new MLO license endorsement, the following mortgage loan originator education requirements:
  - a) Twenty (20) hours of NMLS approved pre-licensure education ("PE"),
    which shall consist of fourteen (14) hours of federal law curriculum, three
    (3) hours of ethics curriculum, and three (3) hours of non-traditional
    mortgage lending curriculum. None of these twenty (20) hours of PE may
    be state-specific curriculum;
  - b) Eight (8) hours of continuing education ("CE"), which shall consist of four (4) hours of federal law curriculum, two (2) hours of ethics curriculum, and two (2) hours of non-traditional mortgage lending curriculum. None of these eight (8) hours of CE may be state-specific curriculum.
- 2. Respondent may not take any of the PE provided for in Paragraph 1(a) of this Section in an online self-study format ("OSS"). Respondent may take the CE provided for in Paragraph 1(b) in any format.

3. For a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date of this Order, Respondent shall be required to complete any additional PE and/or CE required under the SAFE Act in a format other than OSS. If Respondent fails to comply with this condition, the renewal application or new application of Respondent will be deemed incomplete by the Department.

- 4. If Respondent fails to timely satisfy the education provided for in Paragraph I of this section, Respondent's MLO license endorsement shall remain suspended until Respondent presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the education requirements.
- 5. Respondent agrees that the CE provided for in Paragraph 1 of this section is in addition to any NMLS education required for licensure under the SAFE Act. The CE provided for in Paragraph 1 will not count toward satisfying 2023 or 2024 standard SAFE Act CE requirements.
- 6. Respondent further agrees that the Department may exercise its examination or investigative authority pursuant to the normal process for such authorized under the Real Estate Law and Commissioner's Regulations in the instance a determination is made wherein Respondent is found to be in violation of the education requirements under this section.

### V. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

Upon reinstatement of an MLO license endorsement or the issuance of a new MLO license endorsement, all licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays an administrative penalty of \$1,500.00. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The payment must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section, at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, within thirty (30) days.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated: 9.7.23

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY Real Estate Commissioner