

BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF Robert North Unlicensed RESPONDENT	CASE NO.: 24-139 NOTICE OF HEARING
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The Iowa Real Estate Commission (“Commission”) files this Notice of Hearing (“Notice”) pursuant to Iowa Code Section 17A.12(2). The Commission has jurisdictions of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A, 543B, and 272C and 193E Iowa Administrative Code rule 21.6(3). The hearing shall address whether a civil penalty shall be imposed against Robert North (“Respondent”) for the reasons cited in the attached Notice of Intent to Impose Cease and Desist Order and Civil Penalty issued by the Commission on February 13, 2025.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

1. **Hearing.** A contested case hearing shall be held on June 5, 2025, before the Commission. The hearing shall begin at 10:00 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the offices of the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, 6200 Park Avenue, Ste. 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.
2. **Answer.** Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing you may file an Answer. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will request a continuance of the date and time of the hearing.
3. **Filing of Pleadings.** Pleadings shall be filed with the Commission at the following address: Iowa Real Estate Commission, 6200 Park Avenue, Ste. 100, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, by email to ashley.thompson@dia.iowa.gov, or electronically using the Administrative Electronic Document Management System (<https://adminhearings.iowa.gov/efile/>).

4. **Presiding Officer.** The Commission shall serve as presiding officer at the contested case hearing, but the Commission delegates to an Administrative Law Judge from the Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (“ALJ”), the authority to make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and requests the ALJ be present to assist and advise the Commission at hearing.

5. **Prehearing Conference.** A prehearing conference will be held by telephone conference call on May 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. before Administrative Law Judge Kimes-Schwiesow from the Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing at the following conference line, 866-822-2492. Commission rules on prehearing conferences may be found at 193 Iowa Administrative Code rule 7.21.

6. **Hearing Procedures.** The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 193 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 7. At the hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of 193 Iowa Administrative Code rule 7.22. The hearing will be open to the public pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code rule 21.6(7).

7. **Prosecution.** The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Regan Hodina, 1305 E. Walnut, Second Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, regan.hodina@ag.iowa.gov, (515) 281-6781; John Lundquist, 1305 E Walnut, Second Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, John.lundquist@ag.iowa.gov, (515) 281-3658.

8. **Communications.** You may not contact Commission members in any manner, including by phone, letter, facsimile, in person or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Commission members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Commission and serve upon all parties in the case. You may contact Ashley Thompson, Executive Director, Iowa Real Estate Commission, at (515) 725-9035 or ashley.thompson@dia.iowa.gov, or Assistant Attorneys General, Regan Hodina and John Lundquist, at the contact information listed in paragraph 7.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

9. **Iowa License.** Respondent does not and never has possessed any level of Commission-issued license in real estate.

10. **Jurisdiction.** The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, 543B.34(3), and 543B.35 and 193E Iowa Administrative Code chapter 21.

11. **Legal Authority.** If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Commission has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapters 543B and 193E Iowa Administrative Code chapter 21.

12. **Default.** The Commission may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 193 Iowa Administrative Code rule 7.27.

C. SETTLEMENT

13. This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement as authorized by 193E Iowa Administrative Code rule 21.6(6). The procedural rules governing the Commission's settlement process are found at 193 Iowa Administrative Code rule 7.42. If you are interested in pursuing

settlement of this matter, please contact the Assistant Attorneys General identified above.

D. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

14. On November 7, 2024, the Iowa Real Estate Commission found probable cause to file a Notice of Intent to Impose Cease and Desist Order and Civil Penalty. Such Notice was received by Respondent on or about February 19, 2025. On February 26, 2025, Respondent submitted a request for a hearing on this matter pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code rule 21.6(1).

Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.



JAMES M.H. CLINGMAN, Chair
Iowa Real Estate Commission

Copies to:

Assistant Attorneys General Regan Hodina and John Lundquist

Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, assigned Administrative Law Judge

PLEASE NOTE: If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in this matter because of a disability, immediately call 515-281-0233. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).