

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION
JOHN O. PASTORE CENTER, BLDGS. 68-69
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE
CRANSTON, RI 02920**

IN THE MATTER OF:	:	
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MARGUERITE KEOUGH	:	DBR No. 11-A-0047
	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) and Marguerite Keough (“Respondent”) hereby consent and agree that:

1. On or about May 24, 2011, the Department received a Real Estate Salesperson license application and supporting documents (“Application”) filed by the Respondent, who is a domiciliary of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent’s application was not approved, based on the presence in her criminal history record, of several pending charges of marijuana possession and vandalism, dating from 2005 to 2008. The record also showed prior charges of assault and battery as well as resisting arrest, stemming from the same 2005 arrest.
3. The Department also noted that the Respondent answered “No” to question number 14 of the Real Estate Salesperson Application form, which asks: “Have you ever been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, bribery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any other offenses of any type which would reasonably cause the Department to question your honesty, trustworthiness, integrity, good reputation or competency?”

4. Based on Respondent's prior criminal record, and her untruthful answer to question 14 on the Real Estate Salesperson Application form, the Department has grounds to question whether Respondent is honest and trustworthy, and possesses the requisite qualifications for licensure and whether the License Application should be denied pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-20.5-14(1).

5. The Respondent was given an opportunity to present in a written statement to the Department the circumstances surrounding her criminal record. In doing so, she explained that her several of the early charges were dismissed by the charging agency. In explaining the possession charge to which she pled nolo contendere, she has completed substance abuse counseling and 100 hours of community service.

6. The Respondent further reported that she has maintained employment in the restaurant industry, and is a part time student.

7. In consideration of the foregoing, the Department is willing to grant to the Respondent a conditional real estate broker's license for a term of one year. The conditions which must be met by the Respondent are as follows:

- A. The Respondent shall provide updated criminal history records from the State of Rhode Island current through one week prior to the execution of this Agreement.
- B. For a period of one year, the Respondent shall inform the Department in writing within ten (10) days of any criminal charges filed against her, including misdemeanor motor vehicle related offenses. Such charges, or the failure to report them to the Department, shall result in administrative action being taken against the Respondent's license.

- C. If Respondent leaves the employ of Weichert Realtors in Westerly, Rhode Island, she shall notify the Department in writing within ten (10) days of her change in employment.
- D. If there is no change in circumstances relative to Respondent's employment and she has no criminal charges filed against her for one year after the execution of this agreement, the Respondent may at that time request that the Department dismiss these conditions and allow her to maintain her license without conditions.
- E. The Respondent must pay all statutory or regulatory licensing fees, comply with all other statutory and regulatory requirements, and submit an updated application if deemed to be necessary by the Department.

6. If Respondent fails to abide by any of the requirements of this Consent Agreement, the Department will initiate administrative proceedings to impose penalties against Respondent including, but not limited to: (i) suspension, (ii) revocation, and/or (iii) such additional administrative penalties as deemed appropriate by the Department. Respondent shall be provided with notice and opportunity for hearing should the Department decide to take such further action.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION AND RESPONDENT HEREBY CONSENT AND AGREE TO THE FOREGOING AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Department of Business Regulation:

Respondent:

Ellen R. Balasco
 Ellen R. Balasco, Esq.
 Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Marguerite Keough
 Marguerite Keough

DATE: 12/12/11

DATE: 12/09/2011