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BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In re Mortgage Loan Originator License Renewal Application of:

JARED PATTERSON, NMLS ID No. 919530,

Applicant.

Docket No. 2021-16-59

ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN
ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REQUEST A HEARING

The Director of the State of Idaho, Department of Finance (Director), pursuant to the Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices Act, Idaho Code § 26-31-101 et seq. (the Act), and in particular §§ 26-31-306(1)(d) and (h) and 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b) of the Act, hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Denying Mortgage Loan Originator License Application, and Notice of the Opportunity for a Hearing (Order).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Applicant, Jared Patterson, a resident of the state of Ohio, holds NMLS number 919530 and applied for an Idaho Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) license by filing an individual Form MU4 through the online Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLSR or NMLS). This application was attested to and submitted by the Applicant on April 22, 2021.

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- 2. The application Form MU4 seeks information about an individual applicant's qualifications to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator. A section of the application is entitled "Disclosure Questions" and consists of a series of questions that inquire into an applicant's history regarding financial, criminal, civil, judicial and regulatory matters.
- 3. Pertinent to the Applicant's qualifications is the following question: (D): "Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?" The applicant responded, "No."
- 4. Consistent with normal practice, a Department examiner conducted an assessment of the Applicant using various sources of public information to determine if the Applicant demonstrates sufficient financial responsibility, character, and general fitness in order to be licensed as a mortgage loan originator.¹
- 5. The examiner obtained a public record background information report through LexisNexis, which showed that the Applicant had an Ohio State Tax Warrant/Lien entered against him. Following this, the examiner obtained a Precipe (order), also referred to as a judgment lien, that was entered against the Applicant, in favor of the State of Ohio Department of Taxation, by the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County, Account No. 12792955 in the amount of \$2,560.21, under the Tax Type: "Personal Income Tax." The order was recorded with the Clerk of Common Pleas Court, Delaware County, on January 28, 2015, under Case No. 2015TL 07773;
- 6. At the time that the Department obtained a copy of the Precipe referenced above, there was no evidence indicating that it had been satisfied and/or released.

¹ Conducted pursuant to Part 3 of the Act titled "The Idaho Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act" (Idaho S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act), Idaho Code § 26-31-306.

- 7. The Applicant's negative response to the Form MU4 application disclosure question
 (D) is a material misrepresentation, and the failure to provide the details of the Ohio tax lien described above constitutes a material omission.
- 8. On August 26, 2021, the Department provided the Applicant notice of an intent to deny the application within approximately one month based on the information set forth above unless the Applicant was able to provide documentation to satisfy the Department that the noted item had been resolved prior to the time of his application and that disclosure was not required. The notice alternatively provided the Applicant the opportunity to withdraw the application. The Applicant failed to provide the requisite documentation or withdraw the application by the stated deadline of September 23, 2021.
- 9. On September 23, 2021, the Department examiner reviewed the Delaware County Court website and learned that the Ohio tax lien referenced above had been satisfied on the same date the notice of intent was provided to the Applicant, which was August 26, 2021. The date and time stamp on the Release and Satisfaction of Judgment indicated that it was filed approximately two hours after the notice of intent was placed on the Applicant's NMLS record. Nothing in the Release and Satisfaction of Judgment indicates that the satisfaction thereof occurred before April 22, 2021, the date of the Applicant's application.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 10. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 9 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
- 11. Idaho Code § 26-31-304 provides that an individual shall not engage in the business of a mortgage loan originator without first obtaining, and maintaining annually, a license.

- 12. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(1) provides that an applicant for a mortgage loan originator license must apply through the NMLSR in a form required by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance (Director).
- 13. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h), before an application for license can be approved, an applicant must provide all information on the application as required per Idaho Code § 26-31-305. Idaho Code § 26-31-305(10) further provides that an applicant shall make complete disclosure of all information as set forth in the application.
- 14. Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d) provides that the Director shall not issue a mortgage loan originator license under the Act unless the Director makes a finding that an applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character and general fitness sufficient to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act.
- 15. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1)(b), the Director may deny a license if an applicant withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license.
- 16. The Applicant made a material misstatement of fact in his application, which is grounds to deny his application for licensure. He answered a question inaccurately and failed to disclose the Ohio tax lien / judgment. The false answer to disclosure question (D) and failure to disclose the tax lien / judgment prohibits the Director from issuing a license to the Applicant pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(h).
- 17. The Director finds it appropriate to deny the application because the Applicant's failure to provide complete information on the Form MU4 regarding the Ohio tax lien demonstrates that the Applicant lacks the appropriate character and fitness sufficient to

command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of the Act. Because the Director cannot make the requisite findings under Idaho Code § 26-31-306(1)(d), it is appropriate to deny the Applicant's request for an Idaho mortgage loan originator license, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-313(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §§ 26-31-313(1)(a) and (b), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE APPLICATION FOR A MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION ATTESTED TO AND SUBMITTED BY JARED PATTERSON, NMLS #919530, ON APRIL 22, 2021, IS DENIED.

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

18. The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that the foregoing ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION is a final order of the Director denying the license application, subject to the Applicant's right to timely file a request for a hearing on the question of his qualifications for a mortgage loan originator license under the Act, pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6)(a). Such request for a hearing must be in writing and submitted to the Department within fifteen (15) days after the service of this Order. A copy of the request for hearing shall be served on the following:

Erin Van Engelen Consumer Finance Bureau Chief Idaho Department of Finance P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0031 A copy of the request for contested case and hearing shall also be served on the Department's counsel in this matter:

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Alternatively, the Applicant may email the request for hearing to: CFLegal@finance.idaho.gov.

19. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director of the Department, or a Hearing Officer acting on the Director's behalf, will notify the Applicant of the date, time and place of the hearing, as well as the name and contact information of the presiding officer.

20. Any hearing and subsequent proceedings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act, Idaho Code § 67-5201 et seq. and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure (IDAPA 04.11.01).

21. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 26-31-305(6), if a hearing is held, the Applicant shall reimburse, pro rata, the Director for her reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this ___4__ day of October 2021.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on th	is $\frac{1}{1}$ day of October 2021, I caused a true and correct
fully-executed copy of the foregoin	ng ORDER DENYING MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING to be served on the following
by the designated means:	
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