BEFORE THE BOARD OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLITERATORS OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF) Case Number: SLI 11-001
MARTHA ANN MCANTIRE,) NOTICE OF HEARING AND
Respondent.) STATEMENT OF CHARGES)

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators (Board) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 11.6. Respondent was issued Iowa license 00184 on July 20, 2005. Respondent's license will next expire on June 30, 2013. Respondent's last known address is 2416 91st Avenue, Bloomfield, IA 52537-8084.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

<u>Hearing</u>. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on February 21, 2012 before the Board. The hearing shall begin at 10:00 a.m. and shall be located in the 321 East 12th Street, Lucas State Office Building, Room 526, Des Moines, Iowa.

Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges you are required by 645 IAC 11.12 to file an Answer. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators, 5th Floor, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

<u>Presiding Officer</u>. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on pre-hearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the board at hearing.

Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 641 IAC chapter11. At 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 645 IAC 11.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion.

<u>Pre-hearing Conference</u>. Any party may request a pre-hearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing. The Board's rules regarding pre-hearing conferences are contained at 645 IAC 11.17.

<u>Prosecution</u>. The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

<u>Communications</u>. You may not contact board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board 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 Board office and serve upon all parties in the case.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

<u>Jurisdiction</u>. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 154E, and 272C.

<u>Legal Authority</u>. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 154E, and 272C and 645 IAC chapter 363.

<u>Default</u>. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board 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 645 IAC 11.21.

C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

Count I

Respondent is charged with submission of a false report of continuing education, in violation of Iowa Code section 147.55(8), 272C.10(8), and 645 IAC 363.2(21).

Count II

Respondent is charged with failure to comply with a regulation or law of this state, in violation of Iowa Code section 147.55(8), 272C.10(8), and 645 IAC 362.2(1), 363.2(12).

D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

1. 645 IAC 362.2(1) requires that all licensees complete a minimum forty hours continuing education.

- 2. On July 27, 2011, Respondent renewed her license online. During her renewal, Respondent certified that she had completed the required continuing education.
- 3. On August 8, 2011, Respondent was notified that her license had been selected for Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audit.
 - 4. Respondent did not complete the hours of continuing education.

E. SETTLEMENT

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 645 IAC chapter 12. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Julie Bussanmas, Assistant Attorney General, at 515.281.5637.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On this 8th day of December, 2011, the Iowa Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.