**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**April 13, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:11 am, and attendance was taken.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, Edward Downs, Christine Warnke; Monique Owens

Board Members Absent: David Forster

Staff: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Executive Director; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist; Kathy Thomas, Education Coordinator; Asia Dumas, Investigator; Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager; Patrice Richardson, Manager; Nicole McClendon, Program Coordinator

Legal Counsel: Keith Parsons, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Frederic Bates, Jan Brito, JC Hooker, Julie Tam, Katalin Peter, Nevon Bush, Richard Pearrell, Scott Reiter, Tanise Bryant, Varnell Washington, Amy Fisher, Patricia Cummins, Desmond Aberdeen, D’Ann Lanning, Cassandra Williams, Patricia Richards, Brandi Jonas, Helen Ahrendt, Mary Goodman, Melissa Lemanna, Peta-Gay Lewis, Autuan York, Bonnie Roberts-Burke, Dario Flament, Frank Chavez, Keisha Streeter-Clark, Tiffany White, Cynthia Thomas, April Contee, Adebayo Fadare, Celes Jackson, Otoniel Larios-Sosa, Tom Daley, Sergio Herrera, Samuel Henderson, and Bruce Levin

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Ms. Katalin Peter, Vice President, Government Affairs/General Counsel, DCAR, GCAAR, and Frederic Bates, President-DCAR, discussed DC Association of Realtors updates and the $60 Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund assessment fee that was voted on in the affirmative to be assessed during the upcoming renewal period. Ms. Peter indicated in her comments on behalf of the associations that it was not a good time to assess the renewing licensees this amount because of the current economic climate and COVID-19. Mr. Bates re-emphasized this position on behalf of the DCAR. They asked the Commission members to reconsider their vote on April 13 to rescind implementing the $60.00 assessment fee so that it would not be assessed. Chairperson Pietranton responded that the Commission would reconsider its position on the assessment fee.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 11:52 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission unanimously voted to enter into closed session pursuant to the authority of D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(4)(A) to seek the advice of counsel, D.C. Official Code Section 2-575(b)(9) to discuss disciplinary

matters, and D.C. Official Code Section 2-775(b)(13) to deliberate upon a decision in an adjudication action or proceeding and to discuss:

Complaints and technical applications.

The public session of the meeting was resumed at 12:54 pm and attendance was taken.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, March 9, 2021**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Warnke, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated March 9, 2021.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the April 13, 2021, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the April 13, 2021, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted to approve the following recommendations made during the executive session:

1. Approve David Rowe’s examination application for a Salesperson license.
2. Approve Alex Ramos’ reciprocity application for a Salesperson.
3. Defer Margarita Grishkoff’s examination application for a Salesperson to next months meeting for further review.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the following Legal recommendations:

1. In the matter of Charito Corvin v. Courtney Waltimyer – Refer to Consumer Protection Unit for unlicensed activity
2. In the matter of Colin Thomass v. Alfred Ekuban – Refer to Consumer Protection Unit for an investigation
3. In the matter of Kim Mitchell v. Tonya Stanton – Ms. Gulstone recused herself: close, no violation
4. In the matter of Jason Porcier/Brian Miller v. Daniel Heider – Refer to Consumer Protection Unit for an investigagion
5. In the matter of Linda & Robert Britton v. Elysia Casaday – Ms. Blakeslee abstained her votes; close no violation
6. In the matter of Mathu & Arun Shrestha v. Constantinos Economides – Refer to Consumer Protection Unit for an investigation
7. In the matter of Vincent Sanders v. Marjorie Barr – close; no violation
8. In the matter of Michael Hardiman v. Marie Dias – Mr. Cyrus to review for further information
9. In the matter of Hazel Thomas v. James Buckley – investigation reopened with the Office of the General Counsel

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Owens and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of the April 13, 2021, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Wanke and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the following attendees to travel to the ARELLO 2021 Mid-Year Meeting: Christina Warnke, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee and Erick Black.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to not assess the $60.00 assessment fee during the upcoming renewal period. This motion supercedes the previous motion to assess the fee at the April 13, 2021, meeting

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the commission voted unanimously to request that the renewal period be extended from 45days to 90 days for courses to be accepted and renewal submission to be accepted.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Historic Preservation announcement was sent out to licensees at the beginning of April and registration is still being received. Seminar will still be held on April 23rd virtually.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the following commissioners to travel to the ARELLO 2021 Annual Conference: Frank Pietranton, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black, Ulani Gulstone, Joe Borger, and Christine Warnke. Appropriate staff will attend virtually.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the following commissioners and staff to attend the REEA Annual Conference on October 7-11, 2021: Ericka Black, Monique Owens, and Kevin Cyrus.

Ms. Gulstone mentioned that April is Fair Housing Month with the National Fair Housing Alliance and National Association of Realtors’ Fair Haven Simulator. Is this correct? Please make sure; Ulani will say something.

Commissioners were notified of the transition from the DCRA licensing system from the old system to the interim system and want actions to be put into place to continue the order of business for applicants and current licensees. The Commission requested that a meeting be arranged with the Director to discuss proposed legislation to license property management companies and to discuss the current licensing issues regarding the new licensing system. The meeting to consist of Chairman Pietranton and Commission members Ulani Gulstone, Elizabeth Blakeslee, and Joe Borger.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is May 11, 2021, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: May 11, 2021

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams