**Occupational and Professional Licensing**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**December 12, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:15 am, and attendance was taken.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Patrice Richardson, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Edward Downs, Monique Owens, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, and Joseph Borger

Board Members Absent: Ramona Barber

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Kathy Thomas, Education Coordinator; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Manager; Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Marc Nielson, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Wayne Cooper, Elmira Jones, Ryan Paulus, Leon Peace, Thalia Wiggins, Alex, Robert Simpson, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Public members Leon Peace wanted to know if live courses should be offered. Mr. Cyrus responded that as of now, we do not have a schedule for live courses. However, the education unit is in discussion with education providers, to partner with them on offering live/free courses.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 10:38 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson 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 11:21 am.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, November 14, 2023**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes with an amendment dated November 14, 2023.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the December 12, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPL staff, attached hereto and made a part of the December 12, 2023, minutes.

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

1. Approve Carolina Mineros’s exam application for a salesperson’s license.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

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

1. In the matter of Anise Amri vs Ian Ruel; Gaberiel Ruel; Feldman Ruel Urban Property – close, no violation.
2. In the matter of Dwight Lacy vs Maria Ortega – wait until settlement or final resolution of the ongoing litigation.
3. In the matter of Zachary D’ooge vs Jackson Mosley – defer to next meeting.

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of December 12, 2023, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

None.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

ARELLO 2024 Mid-year meeting registration notice was sent out via email. All commission members that plan to attend should submit hotel reservation as soon as possible.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

The commission discussed the status of the new licensing system updates and made recommendations of what should be included: hard copy licenses with QR codes to display licensee information and removal of sign in requirements on AccessDC to search a license.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

The commission discussed a notice that was released from the United States Secret Service Cybercrime Investigations that indicated there was an increase in reports of frauds associated with vacant and unencumbered properties. The news articles will be posted on the commission’s website.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is January 9, 2024, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: January 9, 2024

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price