**Occupational and Professional Licensing**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**July 11, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:05 am, and attendance was taken.

**Attendance**

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

Board Members Absent: Ramona Barber

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Manager/Executive, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator; Jacqueline Noisette, Interim Program Manager

Legal Counsel: Justin Orrison, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Elmira Jones, Miia Rasinen, Malik Tuma, Dena Hollish Hill, and Ryan Paulus, Zac Trupp, Gwen McCave, and Trinity Jennings.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Public members Dena Hollish Hill and Malik Tuma indicated that they did not receive the renewal notices and some of their affiliated brokers were not able to renew their license. Ms. Price will call and assist with renewal questions.

Public member Miia Rasinen inquired why the application system will not accept documents in a PDF format and wanted to know when the renewal notices for Real Estate salespersons were sent out because some students at GCAAR did not receive the notice. Staff responded that the renewal notices went out the early part of July and that the acceptance of documents are still being worked on by the information technology staff.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 11:16 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 1:08 pm.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, June 13, 2023**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes with an amendment dated June 13, 2023.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the July 11, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the July 11, 2023, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

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

1. In the matter of Anonymous vs Libby Clarke – issue an informal admonition to all three agents.
2. In the matter of Jomo Oludipe vs Mohammad Sikder and Joan Alderman – issue a suspension for 90 days and $2500.00 fine for 7 violations
3. Authorize Salesperson Shirah Cohen (SP40001370) to use the continuing education credits that was obtained for this renewal cycle to be applied to the 2025 renewal cycle.

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of July 11, 2023, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

The commission was provided with the budget for the Real Estate Guarantee & Education Fund with a Fund balance of $1,443,302.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

The commission members that are attending the ARELLO 2023 Annual Meeting, should submit their responses for the registration questions to the ARELLO regulatory association.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Seller Disclosure Amendments/Revisions a working group was established: Ulani Gulstone, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee, and Joseph Borger

Property Management Legislation work group was established: Frank Pietranton, Joesph Borger, and Monique Owens

The legal counsel and commission member are still reviewing the appropriate approach for Wholesaling legislation.

As of now, 1,161 renewing salesperson licensees have renewed their license.

As of now, 150 people have registered for the Historic Preservation Seminars. The communications department will send out a 2nd notice to allow individuals to register.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

The free continuing education courses that were being offered by the CE Shop have been filled and are no longer accepting new registration (1500 licensees have enrolled).

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is September 12, 2023, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: October 10, 2023

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price