**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**May 11, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 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, 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; Patrice Richardson, Manager; Stephon Garrett, Program Support Specialist

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

Public Members: Michelle Upton, Oliver Josephs, Shirley Yousefie, Larry Daniels, Don Denton, Susan Devine, Linda Emiroglu, Sharon Martlock, Patricia Cummins, Rayna McLenden, Narvise Brown, Fred Kendrick, Michael Sims, Don Wilson, Reba Rahimzaden, Cammie Reed, Ernesto Sorto, Judy Hooker, LaTosha Washington, Nevon Bush, Patricia Clark-Jackson, Patrick Fogarty, Samuel Hankin, Shanda Cox, Johnnie Barton, Charles Hoskins, Samuel Henderson, Ronald Briscoe, James Jones, Dean Dillard, Negassa Rebu, Walter Hunt, Hillary Nash, Cheryl Richardson, Karlyn Walker, M Van Allen, Elmira Jones and others members that can not be identified through WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Public members inquired about the renewal period that will begin July 1, 2021, and how can applicants claim the continuing education credits they have completed thus far in the new temporary application system. Public members were notified that they will receive an announcement regarding the process for renewal prior to the start of the renewal period for submission.

DCRA is working diligently to try to ensure the online application system is updated and useful to the public member to navigate through to the application process, managing of affiliated licensee, and how to transfer companies.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 10:52 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, 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 12:21 pm and attendance was taken.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, April 13, 2021**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated April 13, 2021.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Warnke and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted to approve the following recommendations made during the executive session:

1. Approve Melvyn Williams reinstatement application for a Broker license.
2. Deny Margarita Grishkoff’s examination application for a Salesperson (subject to Keith drafting the denial letter to go to OGC).

**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 Michael Spinnicchia v. Thomas Buerger – close; no violation
2. In the matter of Maurice McKinney v. Dennis Kin – (note on record that a complaint came in)
3. In the matter of Marita Gumbs v. Cher Castillo – close; no violation
4. In the matter of Gene Artis v. Endea Thibodeaux – Refer to Consumer Protection Unit for an investigation
5. In the matter of Cory Nestor v. John Moore – close; no violation
6. In the matter of Anoa Ndiaye & Tanika Lafortune v. Mindel Management – close; no violation
7. In the matter of Alex Theil v. William Wu – close; no violation
8. In the matter of Maryellen Wright v. Ben Fazeli – close: no violation

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

None.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Commission members were notified that those who are attending the Mid-Year ARELLO conference virtually have been registered. Submitted request to travel and pending approval for those who requested to attend in person.

Commission decided to approve the following attendees to travel to the ARELLO 2021 Annual Conference: Frank Pietranton, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ulani Gulstone, Joseph Borger and Leon Lewis.

Commission decided to approve the following attendees to travel to the Real Estate Educators Association "REEA" Annual Conference: Ericka Black, Monique Owens, and Kevin Cyrus.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Historic Preservation Seminar held on April 23rd virtually. Elizabeth Blakeslee gave the opening remarks. Over 250 individuals registered to attended the conference. 113 participants stayed through the entire seminar and received their Certificate of Completion for their continuing education credits. The materials that were presented at the Seminar are available and will be distributed upon request to Kathy Thomas.

The education department is currently working on getting the DC Fair Housing and DC Legislative Update continuing education courses to be funded by the District government and offered to Real Estate licensees during this summer to put toward this upcoming renewal period.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is June 8, 2021, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: June 8, 2021

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams