**Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**September 14, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 10:00 am via virtual.

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

**Attendance**

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

Staff: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator/Executive; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Jonathan Khul, BPLA Administrator; Cynthia Briggs, OPLA Program Manager

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

Public Members: Jenn Colvin, Monique Owens, Patricia Clark Jackson, Michael Ingram, Miamah Pinkard, Dina Paxenos, JC Hooker, Melissa Lamanna, Candice Coates, Cynthia Thomas, Dean Dillard, Cammie Reed, Bernice Brown, Oscar Loayza, Mary Goodman, Michael Sims, Clarice Desgraves, Helen Ahrendt, Elmira Jones, Kellie Smith, JoAnn Kokindo and others members that cannot be identified through WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Several of the public members had questions and comments regarding licensing issues, which the Commission and staff responded to.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 11:23 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Borger 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 12:52 pm.

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

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated July 13, 2021.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the September 14, 2021, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the September 14, 2021, minutes.

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

1. Approve Henry Yeh; reciprocity application for a Salesperson license.
2. Approve Ingeborg Hydle; examination application for a Salesperson license
3. Contingently approve Steven Beams; reciprocity application or a Salesperson license
4. Request additional documentation for Michelle Awan-Ramlal; examination application for a Salesperson.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

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

1. In the matter of Tunde Komolafe v. Debbie Gomes – close; civil matter
2. In the matter of Jason Porcier & Brian Miller v. Daniel Heider – close; no violation
3. In the matter of Colin Thomas v. Alfred Ekuban – resend to Consumer Protection Unit

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Warnke and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of the September 14, 2021, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

The Fund balance for the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund is currently $1,203,249.71.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Commission members Pietranton and Borger to work on appropriate/background language regarding a hearing on property management company licensure for the public.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Commissioners and staff members Ulani Gulstone, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee, and Leon Lewis will travel to Orlando, Florida to attend the 2021 ARELLO Annual Conference. Edward Downs and Ulani Gunstone are expected to present at the conference as Fair Housing Committee Chair and District Vice President, District One, respectively. A report will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

On behalf of Ms. Thomas, Mr. Cyrus presented a report of the recent CE-sponsored online courses, inclusive of the courses: Fair Housing and DC Legislative Update. The total number of real estate licensees attending were 746 with an additional 189 attendees recently approved to attend.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is October 12, 2021, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: October 12, 2021

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams