**Occupational and Professional Licensing**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission**

**September 12, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:14 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; Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, DLCP and Interim Program Manager, OPL; Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist; Tiffany Crowe; Acting Director

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

Public Members: Ryan Paulus, Leon Peace, Kristin T, Anthony Scerbo, and Latoshae Summers.

**Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Public members Leon Peace asked if there will be courses offered to the public for continuing education credits in person? Yes.

**Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 11:07 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Borger 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 12:18 pm.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, July 11, 2023**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated July 11, 2023.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the September 12, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the September 12, 2023, minutes.

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

1. Approve Stefan Grewe’s reinstatement application for an independent broker license.
2. Approve Susan Rao’s renewal application for a salesperson’s license but issue an informal admonition.
3. Approve Thomas Faison’s reinstatement application for a real estate broker license.
4. Take no action on Justin Noble’s renewal application for a salesperson’s license.
5. Take no action on Suzanne Sykes’ renewal application for a salesperson’s license.
6. Request additional documents for Ahmad Iravani’s renewal application for a salesperson’s license.
7. Request additional documents for Patrick Obrist’s renewal application for a salesperson’s license.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

None

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

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

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

None-Several items on the agenda, that is, education sponsorship for Fy ’24.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Approximately 9,558 salespersons have renewed their license. On August 25th, all active Salesperson licensees were sent an email reminding them of the license expiration date approaching and that each licensee will be given a 60-day late period to renew.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve that all commission members and respective DLCP staff attend the following upcoming travel for fiscal year ’24.:

1. 2024 Leadership Symposium (January 8-10, 2024) Miami, Florida – invitation only
2. ARELLO Mid-Year Meeting (April 16-18, 2024) New Orleans, Louisiana
3. REEA Annual Conference (June 25-29, 2024) Memphis, Tennessee
4. ARELLO Annual Conference (September 23–26, 2024) Chicago, Illinois

Expenditures are authorized from the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve that Edward Downs serve as the DC ARELLO General Assembly Delegate and Stacey Price serves as his backup.

The Real Estate Commission, the Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the DC Preservation League will be hosting another Historic Preservation Seminar titled “Preservation Architectural Styles and Online Resources” on September 20, 2023, at the DLCP building -1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC Suite E200, from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding for the continuing education courses such as Historic Preservation, Instructor Development Workshop, and core courses for fiscal year 2024. Expenditures are authorized from the Real Estate and Guaranty Fund.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is October 10, 2023, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: October 10, 2023

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price