



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

December 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 10:30 am at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room E300, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:40 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, David Forster, Monique Owens, Ericka Black

Board Members Absent: Ed Downs

Staff: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Executive Director; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Asia Dumas, Investigator; Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist;

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Ms. Bonnie King-Taylor attended the meeting to inquire about the duty or requirements for a landlord or property manager to disclose any current or upcoming leading agreement? Ms. King-Taylor is unhappy that she was not informed about a new property that is in the process of being built in front of her bedroom window that is causing excess noise. Ms. King-Taylor will email further questions and concerns to the board and staff member.

Mr. Michael Lewis attended the meeting to find out how many complaints or disciplinary actions were made against a licensee. Mr. Lewis was instructed to submit a Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain that information.

Salmino Jervis attended the meeting to give more information regarding the complaint submitted against Melvin Yates II. Mr. Jervis was informed that when the Commission makes a decision, he will be notified of the status of the complaint.

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 Mr. Borger, 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 12:00 pm and attendance was taken.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, November 12, 2019

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated November 12, 2019.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the December 10, 2019, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the December 10, 2019, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted to issue a Notice of Intent to Deny Taurus Dean's new application for a Salesperson license. Motion was made my majority rule; with a 5 commission members that voted to deny application.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted to approve Lindsay Curtis' reciprocity application for an Associate Broker license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted to approve Nyle Bigdeli's reciprocity application for a salesperson license.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Committee Recommendations

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the following Legal Committee recommendations:

1. In the matter of Salmino Jervis vs. Melvin Yates II – close; civil matter.
2. In the matter of Gabriel Capella & Beth Leech vs. Kevin Schlosberg – request Management Agreement and defer to next meeting.
3. In the matter of Takiyah Dalton vs. Aaron Hargrove – forward to Office of Consumer Protection for an investigation.
4. In the matter of Michael Lewis vs. Lundon Kinard – close, civil matter.
5. In the matter of Darlene Ruth vs. Vikas Goel – close, civil matter.
6. In the matter of Joe Gersen vs. Carlos Reyes – close, civil matter.

7. In the matter of Armin Abron vs Bo R. Le (RE Guaranty and Education Fund) – request Notice of Hearing and schedule hearing.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Owens and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of the December 10, 2019, minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget

None

Agenda Item: Review of Calendar

The Commission was notified of upcoming events for the beginning of 2020 calendar year.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Kevin Cyrus will provide the Commission members more information about the Property Management Task Force (PM Study Guide revisions) and Instructor Development Workshop by the end of the week. The topics will be discussed during the next Commission meeting.

The Criminal Convictions Policy Committee will schedule a conference call to discuss application review requirements.

Agenda Item: New Business

New Commission member Joseph Borger was introduced to the Commission members and OPLA staff.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted to approve the following:

1. All Commission members and staff person Leon Lewis to attend the ARELLO Mid-Year Conference – April 29 – May 3, 2020. and
2. Ericka Black, Monique Owens and staff person Kevin Cyrus to attend the REEA Annual Conference – June 11-15, 2020
3. All Commission members and staff person Leon Lewis to attend the ARELLO Annual Conference – September 23-26, 2020

Commission members were notified that the Oversight Testimony will be on March 4, 2020.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting, January 14, 2020
1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300, Washington, DC 20024

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Black and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair
Date: January 14, 2020

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams