



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

October 13, 2020

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:30 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; Asia Dumas, Investigator

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

Public Members: Greg Holman, April Contee (Broker), Vernon Oakes (Property Manager), Tarnise Bryant (Salesperson), J. Leon Peace (Broker), Jamaal Opie, David Politzer, Adolat Almetora, Andrew Philen, Jennifer Broadwater

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

None.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 11:04 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Forester 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, September 8, 2020

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Warnke, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated September 8, 2020.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the October 13, 2020, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the October 13, 2020, minutes.

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

1. Approve Robert Alcorn's reciprocity application for a Salesperson license.
2. Approve Donald Casey's examination application for a Salesperson license.
3. Approve Anthony Neal's examination application for a Salesperson license.
4. Approve Aladdin Al Katheri's reciprocity application for an Associate Broker license.
5. Approve Stephen Wolff's reciprocity application for a Salesperson license.
6. Defer Kwame Wutoh's examination application for a Salesperson license to next meeting.

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 Surendra Dhir and Surinder Khanna v. Linda Pellum –investigative report – defer to next meeting
2. In the matter of Hazel Thomas v. James Buckley – hearing requested – Request the preparation of charges and specifications from the Office of the General Counsel
3. In the matter of Spirit of W Street Cooperative Association v. Vernon Oakes – hearing requested – Request the preparation of charges and specifications from the Office of the General Counsel

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 the October 13, 2020, minutes.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Warnke and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to not require new continuing education requirements as outlined in the published proposed rulemaking for the upcoming renewing cycles ending in 2021 for real estate brokers, property managers and salespersons and that the proposed continuing education courses as reflecting in the proposed rulemaking is effective with the next licensing cycles beginning with licensing cycles 2021-2023.

Agenda Item: New Business

The commission members provided their reports from the 2020 ARELLO Annual Conference. The Timeshare Committee and ARELLO approved the publicizing of the video on timeshare scams at the ARELLO Annual Conference and recommended that it be made available to the Office of the Attorneys General through-out the country. Staff to affect the Real Estate Commission website and its consumer link with the video on timeshare scams. Mr. Ed Downs and Ms. Elizabeth Blakeslee were sworn in respectively as District Vice President and Director of District One as members of the ARELLO Board of Directors. Ulani Gulstone will be transitioning as the appointed a Chair for the Fair Housing Committee in 2021. The Commission members in attendance at the annual conference included Chairman Frank Pietranton, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black and Joe Borger and Leon Lewis. All of the attendees were participants at the general sessions, and attendees at several meetings, including the Commissioner Resource Committee with Chairman Pietranton as one of the facilitators, the Finance Committee, Education Certification Committee, Fair Housing Committee, Membership Committee, Legal and Regulations Committee, etc. The ARELLO Foundation met, where Mr. Lewis is a trustee and Chairman Wayne Thorburn stated to the Board that a presentation on the Foundation's latest grant recipient will deliver a presentation at the ARELLO Mid-Year Meeting that is focused on the training of real estate licensees in Ohio on *Elderly Abuse and Financial Considerations for the Elderly*.

Asia Dumas, investigator, is registered to attend the ARELLO Investigator Workshop/Investigator Regulatory Committee, which will be held from October 20-22, 2020.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting, November 10, 2020, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Warnke and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair
Date: November 10, 2020

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams