



**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**

**District of Columbia Real Estate Commission
1100 4th Street SW, Room E300 A-B
Washington, DC 20024**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room E 300A-B, Washington, D.C 20024.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank Pietranton at 10:31 am and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Commission Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Ulani Prater Gulstone, Edward Downs, Elizabeth Blakeslee, David Forster, Monique Owens, Christine Warnke

Telephone Conference: Benjamin Wiseman (DC Office of the Attorney General)

Members Absent: Ericka Black

Staff Present: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist, Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist, Brittani Strozier, Commission Administrator, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator, Asia Dumas, OPLA Investigator, Derek Brooks, DCRA Consumer Protection Program Manager, Daniel McCoy, OPLA Administrator, Leon Lewis, OPLA Executive Director, Vincent Parker, BPLA Administrator

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General

Public Members Present: Shirley Wigglesworth

Agenda Item – Executive Session:

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Forster and properly seconded by Commissioner Owens, 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 at 10:55 am to discuss:

Complaints and technical applications.

The public session of the meeting was resumed at 11:30 am and attendance was taken.

Public session was paused at 12:07 for break and resumed at 12:16 pm.

Agenda Item - Comments from the Public:

1. Shirley Wigglesworth- provided documentation pertaining to the investigation in the matter of Shirley Wigglesworth vs. Hattie Brown.

Agenda Item - Minutes

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Warnke and properly seconded by, Commissioner Blakeslee the Commission unanimously voted to accept draft minutes dated July 9, 2019.

Agenda Item- Application for Licensure Recommendations

- A. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Forster and properly seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the September 10, 2019, minutes.
- B. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Warnke and properly seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the legal committee recommendations for the following technical applications:
 1. In the matter of Jamia Jackson, the Commission voted to approve
 2. In the matter of Charles Nichols, the Commission voted to approve
 3. In the matter of Carry Joseph, the Commission voted to approve
 4. In the matter of Mary Quella, the Commission voted to approve
 5. In the matter of Craig Chase, the Commission voted to approve
 6. In the matter of Joshua Kurstin, the Commission voted to approve

Agenda Items – Complaints and Legal Committee Recommendations

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Gulstone and properly seconded by Commissioner Forster, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the following legal committee recommendations:

1. In the matter of John Seggerman - *informal admonition.*
2. In the matter of Anonymous vs. Constantinos Economides - *close; no violation.*
3. In the matter of Earnest Bridges vs. Gwendolyn Gasquet - *close; no violation.*
4. In the matter of Clayton Marshal vs. Sia Senior - *close; civil matter.*
5. In the matter of Mr. William Jones and Mrs. vs. Jeanne. Kersting and Dana Landry - *close; no violation.*
6. In the matter of Cecelia Waldeck vs. Avis Mayfield - *close; no violation.*
7. In the matter of Senna Shehadeh vs. Mark Rutstein - *close; no violation.*
8. In the matter of Amber Gray vs. Albert Elliott - *close; no violation.*
9. In the matter of Audrey Yiadom vs. Kimberly Rice - *close; no violation.*
10. In the matter of DC DMPED vs. Christopher Wood - *forward to OPLA*

Investigations.

11. In the matter of Anonymous vs. Alicia Swanson Canty- *Alicia Swanson Canty- forward to Regulatory Investigative Section (RIS); Georgy Bryant- forward to OPLA Investigations*
12. In the matter of James Koss (investigation report) - *close no violation.*
13. In the matter of Nannette Nathan vs. Felita Phillips (investigation report) - *defer for further investigation.*
14. In the matter of Darryl Pope vs. Randolph Perrin (investigation report) - *close; complaint withdrawn.*
15. In the matter of Hattie Brown vs. Shirley Wigglesworth (investigation report) - *send to Office of General Counsel for preparation of Notice of Intent for Disciplinary Action (NOID).*
16. In the matter of Daniel Crosby - *Commission issued final order to deny application for a Property Manage license); signed by Chairman.*

Agenda Item – Education Report

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

Agenda Item – Budget

Mr. Parker discussed the process for approving travel and the importance of preparing travel packets in advance, especially for FY20. Mr. Parker reported the OPLA will be getting a new electronic licensing system in FY20.

Agenda Item – Correspondence

There was no correspondence reviewed at this meeting.

Agenda Item – Old Business

- A. **Online Rental Scam- DCRA Consumer Protection & DC OAG**-the Commission spoke with Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Brooks and discussed collaborating to issue a District-wide consumer protection alert regarding online rental scams. Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Brooks discussed various mechanisms available to publicize the consumer protection alert and disseminate information to the public.
- B. **DCREC website**- reviewed website updates, which include a consumer section on consumer education and resources and the consumer protection alert.
- C. **Newsletter**- Mrs. Strozier Daise reported the newsletter was finalized and will be sent out in the upcoming days.

Agenda Item – New Business

- A. **Complaint Stats- FY 19**- Mrs. Strozier Daise reviewed complaint statistics, noting that a total of 72 complaints have been reviewed since the start of FY 19.
- B. **FY 2020 W-9s**- OPLA management reported that all Board/Commission members are required to update W-9s every fiscal year and to report any changes in address.

- C. Vote: Council Hearing- October 3, 2019-** Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Owens and properly seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted in favor of Bill B23-0173 with an amendment.
- D. FARB Training- October 22, 2019-** Mr. Lewis discussed logistics for the FARB training.
- E. Real Estate Commission Travel-** Mr. McCoy discussed processes for completing and submitting travel requests and travel reconciliation, including deadlines for submission.
- F. ARELLO Foundation-** Mr. Lewis facilitated a discussion with the Commission on donating an item for the silent auction on September 18, 2019 at ARELLO's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado.
- G. Staff Transitions:** Mr. Lewis reported the following staff transitions: Mrs. Strozier Daise will be transitioning from Commission Administrator to Acting Exam Coordinator in the OPLA Examination Unit. Stacey Williams and Jocelyn Reyes will be supporting the Real Estate Commission during this transition. The Commission thanked Mrs. Strozier Daise for her hard work and efficiency this year.
- H. Vote: FY 20 DCREC Meeting Calendar-** the Commission reviewed the proposed calendar of FY20 meeting dates. The Commission will vote on the calendar in October meeting.

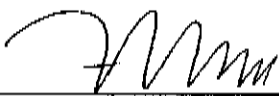
Agenda Item: Next Meeting

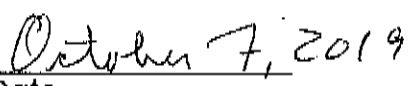
Next Scheduled Commission Meeting –10/8/2019
1100 4th Street, SW, Meeting Rom 300 A-B
Washington, DC 20024

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Owens and properly seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair


Date

Recorder & Transcriber: Brittani Strozier Daise, Commission Administrator