



# Occupational and Professional Licensing

## District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

April 11, 2023

### Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 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, Monique Owens, Edward Downs; Patrice Richardson, Ulani Gulstone, Joseph Borger

Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black, Ramona Barber

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator/Executive; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Kathy Thomas, Education Coordinator; Jacqueline Noisette, Program Manager; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Asia Dumas, Investigator

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

Public Members: Ryan Paulus, Nikki Patterson, Eboneese, Nichol Andler, Nathan Carnes, Miia Rasinien, Katherine Woods, Christin, Anthony J Scerbo, A Daniel, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

#### Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Public member Katherine Woods wanted to know what is the complaint procedure if there is a complaint against a license that is already in litigation for an existing investigation. The complaint is usually put into abeyance until the case has been resolved via court proceedings.

#### Agenda Item: Executive Session



At approximately 10:51 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson 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 11:54 am.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, March 14, 2023**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes with an amendment dated March 14, 2023.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the April 11, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the April 11, 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 Ian Bergman's exam application for a salesperson's license.
2. Approve Delwin Garrett's exam application for a property managers license.
3. Approve Garet Turner's reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.
4. Contingently approve Mikias Haileselassie's exam application for a salesperson's license once a letter from sponsoring broker submits a letter of recommendation.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

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

1. In the matter of Justin Hattan vs Maria Reddick – forward to Office of Administrative Hearing.
2. In the matter of Danielle Williams vs Joseph Rieling. Benjamin Rieling. Nomadic Real Estate Broker Services – forward to Office of Administrative Hearing
3. In the matter of Ray Roundtree vs Jacqueline Sykes – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit
4. In the matter of Franklyn Duporte vs Cornelius Henderson – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit
5. In the matter of Emily Ruskin vs Raha Jafari – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit
6. In the matter of Emily Ruskin vs Ellen Katz – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit
7. In the matter of Jordan Gottfried vs Ana Ron – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit
8. In the matter of Colin Mortimer vs Charlene Kane – referral to the Consumer Protection Unit

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of April 11, 2023, minutes.

**Agenda Item: Budget Update**

None.

**Agenda Item: Correspondence**

None.

**Agenda Item: Old Business**

Ms. Thomas informed the Commission that the discussion questions that will be used as topic starters during the DCPS Outreach event were sent to Ms. Black and Mr. Borger. The Webex invitation will be distributed soon for both the commission members and the Board of Real Estate Appraiser members to register.

**Agenda Item: New Business**

None.

**Agenda Item: Next Meeting**

The next scheduled regular meeting is May 9, 2023, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: April 11, 2023

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price