



Occupational and Professional Licensing

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

March 14, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:07 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Monique Owens, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black, Edward Downs; Patrice Richardson, Ulani Gulstone, Ramona Barber, Joseph Borger

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: James Patrick White, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Jackie McNally, Nevon Bush, Patrick Scanlon, Vernon Oakes, Mitch Curtis, Gwen McCave, Nicholas Weil, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Public member Vernon Oakes wanted to provide comments on the process he experienced regarding a complaint that was filed against him.

Patrick Scanlon wanted to know what the process is for when you have a criminal conviction and want to apply for a Real Estate license. The Commission members, legal counsel, and staff members provided a response, i.e., conviction records, narrative, recommendation letters, etc.

Jackie McNalley wanted to know how to access the regulations and legislations for the Real Estate Commission. Regulations can be accessed on the commission website at <https://dlcp.dc.gov/node/1617426>.

Mitch Curtis inquired about his renewal application. Board administrator will contact Mr. Curtis outside of the meeting to resolve renewal issue.



Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:55 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone 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 11:55 am.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, February 14, 2023

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

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the March 14, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the March 14, 2023, minutes.

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

1. Approve Donnie Anderson's reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. In the matter of Aimee Carlsen vs Jon Thomas – close, no action.
2. In the matter of Virginia Hopkins vs Trent Heminger – close, no action
3. In the matter of Peggy Thompson Brown vs Elias – close, no action
4. In the matter of Michael Falk vs Orlando Smith – close, no action
5. In the matter of Vernon Oakes – board was notified that the complaint/matter was dismissed by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

None.



Agenda Item: Budget Update

The Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund balance is \$1,410,865.72. Mr. Lewis stated that an additional amount will be added regarding fees paid this FY into the Fund. The travel request for the ARELLO 2023 Mid-Year Meeting has been approved and the registration fees have been paid.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Ms. Thomas informed the Commission that the DCPS Outreach event has been scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00noon virtually. The commission will be partnering with the Board of Real Estate Appraisers on the activities that will be held during the event. It is expected to have both the board and the commission to present a presentation that will be 45 minutes each.

Agenda Item: New Business

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve any commission member, two (2) investigators and board administrator to attend the ARELLO Investigatory Seminar on October 10-12, 2023.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is April 11, 2023, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: April 11, 2023

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price