



February 21, 2024 DC Board of Real Estate Appraisers Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Board of Real Estate Appraisers held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Tamora Papas, Chair, at 10:04 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Tamora Papas, Andrew Sullivan, Marty Skolnik, Anthony Bolling

Staff: Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, Business and Professional Licensing; Leon Lewis, Program Manager; Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist, Occupational and Professional Licensing; April Randall, Legislative Director, Office of the Director, Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection

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

Public Member(s): Scott Dibiasio, The Appraisal Institute
Ryan Paulus, The CE Shop
Francesa Bryce, Council Member Robert White's office
Bobby Awosika

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Bobby Awosika presented his concerns to the board regarding the application process. Mr. Awosika has been in contact with the board administrator, Brittney Cheshier, and was advised that his application is still pending review, and he would receive correspondence once the application has been reviewed.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:46 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bolling and properly seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board 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:

Technical Applications
Approved Applications



Complaints

The public session of the meeting was resumed at 11: 48 am.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, January 17, 2024

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated January 17, 2024.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan, and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 21, 2024, application list administratively approved by OPL staff, attached hereto, and made a part of the February 21, 2024, minutes.

Agenda Item: Technical Applications

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bolling and properly seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board voted unanimously to approve applicant, Hezbulah Surmaty, to take appraiser exam.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Skolnik and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal application for Bryan Younge

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bolling and properly seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant, Olawale Tella, to take the appraiser exam.

Agenda Item: Complaints

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Skolnik and properly seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint in the matter of Gausman v. Reyle. The Board will send a request for Mr. Reyle to attend the March 2024 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board voted unanimously to issue a consent order reprimand, 30-day suspension, and completion of remedial course work: ethics, scope of work, missing explanations, and sales comparison approach in the matter of Riordan v. Johnson. If the settlement is declined, the board delegates a hearing to the authority of OAH.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board voted unanimously to refer the matter of Thomas v. Gausman to the review appraiser.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Skolnik, the Board voted unanimously to refer the matter of Dickstein v. Thompson to the review appraiser.



Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the board voted unanimously to approve the education report for February 21, 2024.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

None.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

The Board was informed that a second email blast was drafted by Education Coordinator, Kevin Cyrus, and issued by the DLCP communications team to inform licensees to complete their renewals by the February 29, 2024, deadline. Renewal not completed by the deadline would result in the licensee having to reinstate their license.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Board Chair, Tamora Papas, announced the publishing of the PAREA regulations for trainee applicants in the District.

Board Chair, Tamora Papas, provided an overview of the 2024 Performance Oversight Hearing with Councilman White's office.

Agenda Item: New Business

Board Chair, Tamora Papas, announced a new initiative to implement appraisal courses at the University of the District of Columbia. This will be a collaboration between Councilman White's office, DLCP staff, board members, and expert appraiser Don Boucher.

Board Administrator, Brittney Cheshier, provided an update on the progress of appraiser renewals. Over 400 renewals have been approved.

Board Administrator, Brittney Cheshier, provided an update on the status of travel requests for the Spring 2024 AARO Conference. Board members were advised of delay due to registration form. Travel packets are pending review.

Legal Counsel, Marc Neilsen, provided an update on the new investigation process implemented by Enforcement Administrator, Robert "Beau" Finley. The new process would streamline the complaint process to create one portal to receive complaints, and to allow the enforcement office to immediately begin investigating to provide recommendations to the Board.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is March 20, 2024, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sullivan and properly seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:58am.



Respectfully submitted,

Tamora K Papas

Tamora Papas Chair
Date: February 21, 2024

Recorder/transcriber: Brittney Cheshier