



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

April 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietrantoni, Chair, at 10:11 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Frank Pietrantoni, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, Ericka Black, Monique Owens, Edward Downs

Board Members Absent:

Ulani Gulstone

Staff:

Stacey Williams, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator/Executive; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Britney Cheshter, Program Support Specialist; Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division

Legal Counsel:

James Patrick White, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members:

Robin Taylor, Mia Rasinen, Kelly Curran, Cherice Clark, Melvin Hardy, Ron Roudi, Miamah Pinkard, Leon Peace, Chris Hittle, Evan Loukadakis, Herbert Gales, Elmira Jones, Ann Goodman, Wayne Cooper, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Mr. Chris Hittle brought to the Commission the complications he has experienced with the system not reflecting the correct brokerage he is affiliated with. He was instructed to contact Britney Cheshter.

Ms. Cherice Clark was not able to see affiliated licensees. She was instructed on how to use AccessDC to licensee information.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 11:47 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, 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 12:49 am.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, March 8, 2022

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated March 8, 2022, with one revision.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the April 12, 2022, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the April 12, 2022, minutes.

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

1. Approve Herbert Galle's endorsement application for a salesperson's license.
2. Approve Zari Sahin's reciprocity application for a broker's license.
3. Approve Ruben Ramirez's exam application for a salesperson's license.
4. Approve Andre Lewis' reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.
5. Deny Margarita Grishkoff's exam application for a salesperson's license.
6. In the matter of William McConkey – Request for appeal regarding the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Final Order denying his application for a license.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. In the matter of Olivia Kibler vs Daryl Judy – close, no action.
2. In the matter of Meca Pryce vs Joseph Seriki – issue Informal Admonition.
3. In the matter of DCRA vs Frederick Hubig and Kenneth Rub – resend to Consumer Protection unit.
4. In the matter of Marilyn Feinold vs Jennifer Angotta – reaffirm previous decision to close, no violation.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of April 12, 2022, minutes.

The Education Committee will come up with an evaluation form to monitor education instructor performance.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

The Commission members that attended ARELLO 2022 Mid-Year meeting are expected to submit reconciliation form and supporting documents within five business days of meeting.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business

The Commission and agency are working on starting a Real Estate Career Exposure with DC Public School and Charter School system.

Commission members Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black and Edward Downs have formed a committee to discuss the regulations on the topic of "Love" Letters and background checks following the regulations that was enforced in Ohio, along with other law and regulatory matters needing to be drafted.

The attendees who attended the ARELLO Mid-year meeting in Savannah reported that they attended all of the committee and general meetings at the conference. These included Fair Housing, Administrative Roundtable, Education and Certification, Legal, Brokerage Best Practices, and the meeting of the ARELLO Foundation. The Foundation will be reviewing its bylaws for revisions to be made. Additionally, the attendees attended the District One meeting, where discussion focused in on the issue of having virtual meetings of its members to discuss important regulatory matters outside of the mid-year and annual meetings.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is May 10, 2022, 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 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Frank Pietrantonio, Chair

Date: May 10, 2022

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams