



Occupational and Professional Licensing District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

May 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 10:00 am via virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:08 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present:

Frank Pietranton, Patrice Richardson, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Edward Downs, Monique Owens, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Ramona Barber, and Joseph Borger

Staff:

Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Britney Chesier, Program Support Specialist; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Kathy Thomas, Education Coordinator; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Nicole McClendon, Program Coordinator; Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel:

Marc Nielson, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel; Justin Orrison, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members:

Chris Darby, Irene Kang, Kwame Yadom, Marlice Shorter, Michelle, Nicholas Weil, Pamela Nelson, Robert Simpson, Shiesha McNeil, Zac Trupp, Ryan Paulus, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Public member Robert Simpson inquired about the process to change an address on a license. Mr. Simpson was provided with Mrs. Price's email address so that the new address is effected in the licensing system.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:58 am, the following motion was made:



Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee 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 12:22 pm.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, April 11, 2023

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by MS. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes with an amendment dated April 11, 2023.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the May 9, 2023, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the May 9, 2023, minutes.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. In the matter of Morgan Knoll vs Laura Bacchus – refer for further investigations.
2. In the matter of Tonya Atkins vs Surranun Calloway – put into abeyance.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of May 9, 2023, minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

The Education and Guaranty Fund budget is still in the \$1.4 million dollar range. The only expenses that have been used from the fund budget were for the ARELLO Leadership Symposium and the ARELLO Mid-Year Meeting this year.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Ms. Thomas informed the Commission DCPS Outreach event has been rescheduled tentatively to May 25, 2023 from 10am to 12noon. The event will still be held virtually via Webex.

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price

Date: June 13, 2023

Frank Pietranton, Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting is June 13, 2023, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission voted unanimously to approve all commission members and any respective DLCP staff to attend the Commissioners College at the ARELLO 2023 Annual Conference.

Mr. Downs, Ms. Blakeslee, Ms. Richardson and Mrs. Price provided a report of the topics that were discussed at the ARELLO 2023 Mid-Year Meeting. Some of the topics that were discussed were: wholesaling, background checks and fingerprinting for licensure and renewing, education and legislation in various states, and the system operations that are used currently by licensing jurisdictions for their applications, complaints, and education process.

The commission was presented with the Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS (GCAR) Recommended Changes to DC Seller Disclosure Statement for review and to provide feedback by the end of the week.

Agenda Item: New Business

