



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

February 8, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, Ericka Black, Monique Owens, Ulani Gulstone, Edward Downs

Staff: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Coordinator/Executive; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Jacqueline Arce, Program Support Specialist; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Cynthia Briggs, Program Manager, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division

Legal Counsel: James Patrick White, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel; Jarod Wilson, Intern

Public Members: Bonnie Pinder, Michael Sims, Patrick Fogarty, Dean Dillard, Patricia Jones, Gary Mizrachi, Peter He and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Dean Dillard and Michael Sims inquired about the procedures and uses of AccessDC and requested that a notice be sent out to all licensees regarding information pertaining to benefits of using AccessDC.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:48 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee 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 11:02 am.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, January 11, 2022

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated January 11, 2022.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the February 8, 2022, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the February 8, 2022, minutes.

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

1. Approve Bethany Lehr's exam application for a salesperson's license.
2. Approve Lacey Thornton'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. Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the following legal recommendations:

1. In the matter of Spirit of W Street.Coop. Assoc. vs Vernon Oakes – forward to the Office of Administrative Hearing.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

None.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

None.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

The Commission members that have previously traveled inquired about the reimbursements. Chairman Frank Pietranton is set to meet with DCRA upper management to get further information.

Agenda Item: New Business

Chairman Frank Pietranton will testify on behalf of the Real Estate Commission before Councilwoman Anita Bonds and the Committee on Housing and Executive Administration for the annual performance hearing; which will take place virtually on February 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

The Education Unit has begun to work on the annual newsletter publication for Real Estate. Any suggestions on what to add can be forwarded to Kevin Cyrus.

Edward Downs provided a report from his attendance at the 2022 ARELLO Leadership Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona.

1. President Shell Birth wants to launch a communication strategy to help members get updates on products coming out and information as it relates to Real Estate operations.
2. Miriam Baer, from the "License Portability Task Force" has been working on an ongoing study from 1996 on how to remove barriers to license services and how to get licensees educated. It has reached its final stage in its revised form.
3. Investigators and Auditors training will be offered in November 2022.
4. The Law Regulation Committee is looking for cases to use as sample demonstration at upcoming ARELLO meetings

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is March 8, 2022, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Black and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Frank Pietranton, Chair
Date: March 8, 2022

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams