



## Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

### District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

April 14, 2020

#### Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 10:00 am at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room E300, Washington, D.C. 20024.

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

#### Attendance

Board Members Present:	Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, Edward Downs, Christine Warnke, Monique Owens
Board Members Absent:	David Forster
Staff:	Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Executive Director; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Asia Dumas, Investigator; Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist
Legal Counsel:	Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General
Public Members:	Tonya Rahall, Fairfax Realty; David Esla, agent; Sam Henderson, Henderson Professional Development Seminars; and Cheryl Williams, Fairfax Realty

#### **Agenda Item: Comments from the Public**

Dr. Samuel Henderson presented comments concerning the challenges faced by Commission-approved education providers related to approved in-person classroom delivery and requested for the Commission to approve electronic delivery of approved courses for continuing education and for prelicensing education. He added that some attendees have requested refunds due to guidelines imposed by the Mayor's stay-at-home order during COVID-19. Motions are contained under Education Committee Report.

Tonya Rahall, David Esla, and Cheryl Williams participated in the meeting as observers.

#### **Agenda Item: Executive Session**

At approximately 11:16 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Warnke 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 and attendance was taken.

**Agenda Item: Draft Minutes**, March 10, 2020

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated March 10, 2020.

**Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Black and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the April 14, 2020, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the April 14, 2020, minutes.

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

1. Approve Lester Butts' reciprocity application for a salesperson license.
2. Approve William Francis' examination application for a salesperson license.
3. Approve Alex Willner's reciprocity application for a salesperson license.
4. Approve Margo Adgerson's reciprocity application for a salesperson license.
5. Forward hearing request for Jay Briley's application for a salesperson license to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

**Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the following legal matters:

1. In the matter of Elizabeth Brown-Kaiser vs. Millard Howard – close; no violation.
2. In the matter of Jonathan Morris vs. Sharif Ibrahim – close; no violation.
3. In the matter of Valda Crowder vs Matthew Cooper – close; no violation; refer to DISB.

**Agenda Item: Education Committee Report**

There were no course approvals considered at this meeting, however, the Commission discussed and took action on alternative electronic education delivery of approved in-person delivery of prelicensing and continuing education courses.

The following motions were offered and voted on;

### Continuing Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to relax the current rules governing approved continuing education programs to allow approved continuing education providers with approved in-person traditional classroom delivery of courses to deliver courses electronically due to COVID-19 until a date to be determined by the Commission.

### Prelicensing Education

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Pietranton and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted to relax current rules to allow approved prelicensing education providers of programs approved for in-person traditional classroom delivery for real estate salespersons and real estate brokers and of currently enrolled participants to deliver courses electronically until a date to be determined by the Commission due to COVID-19.

There was a division of the vote regarding the aforementioned motion. There were six Commission members in favor and two members against.

### Agenda Item: Budget

Upon Mayor's Order, due to COVID-19, all travel has been suspended through September 30, 2020.

### Agenda Item: Review of Calendar

None

### Agenda Item: Correspondence

None

### Agenda Item: Old Business

It was emphasized again that Commission members are to send information to Kevin Cyrus for topics to be covered for the Spring/Summer newsletter.

### Agenda Item: New Business

Motions relating to continuing education and prelicensing education delivery are contained under Education Committee Report.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to explore the option of conducting meetings via audio/video that would be available to the Commission.

### Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting, May 12, 2020

1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300, Washington, DC 20024

**Agenda Item: Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Downs and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: May 12, 2020

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams