



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

March 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10:30 am at 1100 4th Street, S.W., Room E300, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pietranton, Chair, at 10:33 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Joseph Borger, Edward Downs, David Forster, Christine Warnke

Board Members Absent: Monique Owens

Staff: Stacey Williams, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Executive Director; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Asia Dumas, Investigator; Jocelyn Reyes, Program Support Specialist; Shaun Richards, Program Support Specialist; Cynthia Briggs; OPLA Program Manager; Irina Moore, Program Support Specialist

Legal Counsel: Kia Winston, Assistant Attorney General

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

None.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:33 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 10:53 am and attendance was taken.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, February 11, 2020

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone and properly seconded by Mr. Forster, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated February 11, 2020.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the March 10, 2020, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the March 10, 2020, minutes.

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

1. Approve Ericks Velasquez's reciprocity application for an Associate Broker license
2. Approve Matthew Ruthbun's reciprocity application for a Principal Broker license
3. Issue a Final Order and Deny Abess Safiedeen's reciprocity application for a Salesperson license
4. Issue a Final Order and Deny Douglas Skibicki's reciprocity application for an Associate Broker license
5. Forward hearing request for William McConkey's application for a Property Manager license to the Office of Administrative Hearing.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Committee Recommendations

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

1. In the matter of Iley Brown vs. Jameela Charles – close; no violation
2. In the matter of Demetra Rice vs. Anousha Nikjouian – close; civil matter
3. In the matter of Rhianna Green vs Walter Allen – close; no violation
4. In the matter of Elizabeth Jones vs Michele Collison – close, no violation

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Forster and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of the March 10, 2020 minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget

The Commission was notified that current funds will continue to be there and used for travel and educational purposes.

The FY 2021 budget was submitted for approval. Some of the funds will be moved to a different account for accounting fund purposes.

Agenda Item: Review of Calendar

None

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None

Agenda Item: Old Business

None

Agenda Item: New Business

Frank Pietranton, Leon Lewis, and Stacey Williams attended the Performance Oversight Hearing on March 4, 2020 with Councilwoman Anita Bonds. Hearing went well and Mr. Pietranton provided Ms. Bonds the breakdown of the number of licenses by license type. It was requested and provided that we provide her with the category types of each complaint received. Ms. Bond's recommended that the Commission consider licensing Property Management Firms.

The commission was notified of the upcoming Commission-Sponsored seminars

1. May 7, 2020 – Core Course
2. June 12, 2020 – Historic Preservation
3. September 17, 2020 – Core Course

The Commission members will provide topics, article, and ideas of what to include in the Spring/Summer newsletter to Kevin Cyrus.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting, April 14, 2020
1100 4th Street, SW, Room 300, Washington, DC 20024

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: March 10, 2020

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams