



Occupational and Professional Licensing

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

January 14, 2025

Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:00 am via virtual.

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

Attendance

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Blakeslee, Ericka Black, Edward Downs, Monique Owens, and Patrice Richardson

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Jacqueline Noisette, Deputy Administrator, OPL; Kathy Thomas, Education Specialist; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Occupational and Professional Licensing; Nicole Bramstedt, Legislative Affairs Specialist

Legal Counsel: Jessica Rice and Justin Orrison, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Ralph Harvey, Lauren Sams, Ernest Redding, Daniel Mushala, Michele Yates, Kimberly Brown, and Stacey Barton

Agenda Item: Nominations

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to nominate and elect Edward Downs to serve as Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission unanimously voted to nominate and elect Elizabeth Blakeslee to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Ralph Harvey – wanted to check the status of their application – will be discussed during executive session



Lauren Sames, Ernest Redding, Daniel Mushala, Michele Yates, Kimberly Brown, and Stacey Barton – attended to observe the meeting.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 10:43 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Black, 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 1:17 pm.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, December 10, 2024

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated December 10, 2024.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 14, 2025, Application List administratively approved by OPL staff, attached hereto and made a part of the January 14, 2025, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to issue a \$5000 fine, a formal reprimand, a consent order and require REO to notify clients that they were not licensed at the time of the sales prior to the approval of application for the reinstatement application for real estate organization Terra Firma Real Estate LLC and Stuart & Maury Inc.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to amend the disciplinary action taken against property manager reinstatement applicant Michael Cahill in the June 11, 2024, commission meeting to lower the civil fine from \$2500 to \$1250.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to contingently approve Dion Cunningham Bijou reciprocity application once letters of recommendation are received.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to approve Ralph Harvey's renewal application for real estate broker license and issue an informal admonition.



Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to issue a civil fine of \$2,500, a formal reprimand, a consent order for Efua Hayford reinstatement application for real estate broker and require that she notify her client that at the time of the sale of Apt. 107 in Columbia Heights that she was not licensed.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to rescind and withdraw the disciplinary action imposed on Kimberly Henderson's reinstatement application for real estate salesperson during the meeting held on 09/10/2024 and to approve her salesperson's application for reinstatement if all requirements for reinstatement have been met.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. In the matter of Brittany Singleton & Jason Reed vs. Stephanie Ireland & Esther Camarotte – dismiss, no violation
2. In the matter of David Patterson vs. Timothy Barley – dismiss, no violation
3. In the matter of James Clark vs. Samer Makhoulf – dismiss, no violation

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted to indefinitely suspend license number BR98367099 until Maria Reddick complies with the requirements set forth in the Final Order filed in Case No. 2023-DLCP-00322 on November 25, 2024, and that if the license remains suspended for a period of longer than 12 months from the date of suspension that the license be automatically revoked without further notice.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of January 14, 2025, minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

None.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

Renewal announcement was sent out to licensees in December for property managers, brokers and real estate organizations to renew before the expiration date of February 28, 2025.

The annual Performance Oversight Hearing announcements have been sent out to board chairs. The hearing will be held on January 30, 2025.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Those who plan to attend the ARELLO 2025 Mid-Year Meeting on April 14-16, 2025 should send an email and hotel reservation to board administrator, Stacey Price. Commission members are encouraged to join a committee with ARELLO.



Agenda Item: New Business

Edward Downs attended the ARELLO Leadership Symposium and provided a report of what was discussed. The Past President of National Realtors Association (NAR) was a speaker at the leadership training. There were discussions about the growth, future events, and governance of the association.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is February 11, 2025, via the Zoom platform.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Black and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward K. Downs

Edward Downs, Chair
Date: February 11, 2025

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price