



Occupational and Professional Licensing

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

January 9, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Monique Owens, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, and Joseph Borger, Ramona Barber

Board Members Absent: Edward Downs

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Manager;

Legal Counsel: Justin Orrison, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: RJ Gallegos, Roxann Novel, Gabrielle, Ryan Paulus, Connie Vanderpool, Kimberly Henderson, Andre Smith, and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Public members Connie Vanderpool wanted to check the status of her reinstatement application. Ms. Price will contact Ms. Vanderpool following the meeting.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

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



Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone 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 12:10 pm.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, December 12, 2023

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated December 12, 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 January 9, 2024, Application List administratively approved by OPL staff, attached hereto and made a part of the January 9, 2024, minutes.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. Claim of Melinda Liu against the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund in the amount of \$50,000 – staff to schedule hearing on March 12, 2024.
2. In the matter of Tom Donohue vs Shenetta Malkia- Sapp – issue an informal admonition.
3. In the matter of Jomo Oludipe vs Mohammad Sikder and Joan Alderman – issue a final order.

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 9, 2024, minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

The Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund budget was reviewed by the commission. Staff to follow up with the fiscal officer for DLCP.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

ARELLO announced that committee appointments are still being made and that committee are encouraged to sign up.

Agenda Item: Old Business



The commission discussed Bill No. B25-0639 “Licensing for Accountability of Management of Properties (LAMP) Amendment Act of 2023” and formed a legislative committee comprised of commission members Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Joseph Borger, and Monique Owens. Justin Orrison will follow up with April Randell, Legislative Director, as to a meeting to discuss the bill, revisions, add-ons, etc.

The commission was reminded that the Performance Oversight Hearing will be held on February 8, 2024 in-person and the DLCP staff has started to draft responses to the performance oversight questions.

The draft real estate newsletter publication was reviewed by the commission to provide feedback and response.

Agenda Item: New Business

Chairman Pietranton and Vice-Chair Gulstone are scheduled to meet with DLCP Director Tiffany Crow this month for a meet and greet.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is February 13, 2024, via WebEx.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Pietranton", is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Pietranton, Chair
Date: February 13, 2024

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price