



Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

January 11, 2022

Meeting Minutes

The District of Columbia Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 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

Board Members Absent: Edward Downs; Mr. Downs is attending the ARELLO Leadership Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona

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, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division

Legal Counsel: James Patrick White, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

Public Members: Mathew Petersen, Melinda McNabb, Dean Dillard, Elmira Jones, Michael Sims, Cammie Reed, Peter He, Sharon Boddie, Lamont Bessicks, Rhonda Mendonca, Todd Lewis, Helen Ahrendt, Creighton Schneck, LaToya Bell, Deborah Hill, Amir Razi and other public consumers that cannot be identified through WebEx.

Agenda Item: Comments from the Public

Cammie Reed wanted to get an update on the status of her Real Estate Organization license. Was instructed to email a copy of old license to Leon Lewis and Stacey Williams.

Dean Dillard and other members inquired about how to receive a hard copy of their new and renewed license. The current system is not allowing licensees to print their license.

Peter He attended to get a status update of complaint that was submitted. He will be notified via email of the commission's decision.

Michael Sims was experiencing issue with getting access information to participate in the Commission meeting.

Agenda Item: Executive Session

At approximately 11:08 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Owens, 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 12:31 pm.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, December 14, 2021

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated December 14, 2021.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 11, 2022, Application List administratively approved by OPLA staff, attached hereto and made a part of the January 11, 2022, minutes.

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

1. Approve Raymond Moreno's reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.
2. Approve Gage Cole's reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.
3. Approve Alexander Makris' exam application for a salesperson's license.
4. Approve Roxana Nava Rojas' reciprocity application for a salesperson's license.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

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

1. In the matter of Peter He v. Marlena McWilliams/Jack Shoptaw – place in abeyance until court proceedings have concluded.
2. In the matter of Jonas Singer v. Lisa Banusiewicz – close, civil matter.
3. In the matter of Jacquelyn Williamson v. Olusegun Okegbenro – close, not within Commission jurisdiction.
4. In the matter of Jay B. Briley v. Real Estate Commission – grant license to be effective January 11, 2022; retroactive approval request not granted.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Owens and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of the January 11, 2022, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Black and properly seconded by Blakeslee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve offering of mandatory continuing education courses (Ethics, Fair Housing and Legislative Update).

Agenda Item: Budget Update

None.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the following attendees for the following conferences

1. Kevin Cyrus and Ericka Black to attend the Real Estate Educators Annual Meeting.
2. Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Joe Borger, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Edward Downs, Ericka Black, Leon Lewis and respective staff to attend the ARELLO Mid-Year meeting April 6–8, 2022
3. Frank Pietranton, Ulani Gulstone, Joe Borger, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Edward Downs, Ericka Black, Leon Lewis and respective staff to attend the ARELLO Annual Conference August 29 – September 2, 2022.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding for Historic Preservation Seminars for 250 licensees at \$50.00 per licensee.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

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

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Ms. Black, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Pietranton, Chair

Date: February 8, 2022

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Williams