



Occupational and Professional Licensing

District of Columbia Real Estate Commission

February 13, 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 10:06 am, and attendance was taken.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Frank Pietranton, Patrice Richardson, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Monique Owens, Ulani Gulstone, Ericka Black, Edward Downs and Joseph Borger,

Board Members Absent: Ramona Barber

Staff: Stacey Price, Board Administrator; Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator; Brittney Cheshier, Program Support Specialist; Kendra Covington, Program Support Specialist; Jahmai Jefferson, Program Support Specialist; Stephanie Johnston, Program Support Specialist; Leon Lewis, Program Manager, Occupational and Professional Licensing; April Randell; Legislative and Public Affairs Officer; Robert Finley, Chief Enforcement Officer; and Shakira Ricahrdson, Program Manager of the Consumer Protection Unit (CPU)

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

Public Members: Francesca Tracy, Michelle Upton, RJ Gallegos, Carmellita Turner, Joyce Walker, Malusamia, Kimberly Brown, Sheila Doucet, JC, Elmira Jones, Robert Simpson, Kim Jones, 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 11:24 am, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, 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 1:26 pm.

Agenda Item: Draft Minutes, January 9, 2024

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes dated January 9, 2024.

Agenda Item: Application for Licensure Recommendations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone and properly seconded by Mr. Borger, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the February 13, 2024, Application List administratively approved by OPL staff, attached hereto and made a part of the February 13, 2024, minutes.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the commission voted unanimously to issue a notice of intent to deny Robert Steward reciprocity application for a salesperson license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Gulstone, the commission voted unanimously to offer a consent order of intent to deny for a year, maintain a clean record and to reapply and redo all the requirements for Melody Briscoe reciprocity application, for a salesperson license.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the commission voted unanimously to offer a consent order of intent to deny for a year, maintain a clean record and to reapply and redo all the requirements for Christine Blackwell reciprocity application for a broker license.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Richardson and properly seconded by Ms. Blakeslee, the commission voted unanimously to require Albert Amar to use his full legal name "Abraham Albert Amar" on his reciprocity application for a broker license.

Agenda Item: Complaints and Legal Matters

In the matter of William Rose vs Christian Anderson - Upon motion duly made by Mr. Borger and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the commission voted unanimously to issue a formal inquiry to Christian Anderson, Tia Boyd and the brokerage about potential alleged misconduct to respond within 10 business days.



In the matter of Clint Kohler vs Charles Klein; Cornelius Henderson; Edivia Henderson - Upon motion duly made by Ms. Gulstone and properly seconded by Ms. Richardson, the commission voted unanimously to forward to Consumer Protection Unit for further investigation.

Agenda Item: Education Committee Report

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Blakeslee and properly seconded by Mr. Downs, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Education Committee Report, attached hereto and made a part of February 13, 2024, minutes.

Agenda Item: Budget Update

The Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund budget was reviewed by the Commission. The Commission discussed the Fund balance, but did not take any formal action regarding an assessment.

Agenda Item: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Commission member Edward Downs attended the ARELLO 2024 Leadership Symposium in January and provided a report of what was discussed: He stated that the ARELLO strategic plan was discussed at length. He also provided information on the new governance structure providing for a smaller number of members in leadership.

Fair Housing Instructor Development Workshop – Mr. Cyrus is working with the Fair Housing Alliance on assisting with the presentation of the workshop.

On February 8, 2024, Chairman Frank Pietranton provided testimony at the 2024 Performance Oversight Hearing on behalf of the Mayor and Commission. Chairman Pietranton's testimony included the Commission's accomplishments for FY23 and thus far in FY24 and future goals anticipated by the commission for the public consumers and licensees, which was communicated to Councilman Chair Robert White Jr., Committee on Housing

The commission will be conducting a virtual public hearing regarding the claim of Melinda Liu against the Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund, which is set for March 12, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Agenda Item: New Business

Robert Finley, Chief Enforcement Officer and Shakira Richardson, Program Manager of the Consumer Protection Unit (CPU) discussed the new complaint intake and review process when submitted. Once complaints are submitted, it will go directly to the CPU team for investigation, and then will be presented to the commission if further deliberation is needed and for final review after findings from CPU are obtained.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next scheduled regular meeting is March 12, 2024, via WebEx. The Real Estate Guaranty and Education Fund hearing regarding the claim of Melinda Liu will be at 1:00 pm on the same date.



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 1:37 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: March 12, 2024

Recorder/transcriber: Stacey Price