

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

November 21, 2019

The Louisiana Real Estate Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at 9071 Interline Ave, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to regular call, of which all members of the Commission were duly notified, at which meeting the following members were present:

COMMITTEE

Patrick Roberts, Jr., Vice Chairman
Lacy Baaheth, Secretary
Jeffrey Donnes
Paula Duncan
Jeff Free
Eloise Gauthier
Rodney Greenup
Deanna Norman
Matt Ritchie
Evelyn Wolford

STAFF

Bruce Unangst, Executive Director
Arlene Edwards, Attorney
Summer Mire
Ryan Shaw
Jenny Yu
Tom Devillier
Nikki Senegal
Malissa Fowler
Logan Cockerham
Telly Hollis
Allison O'Toole
Mark Gremillion
Debbie DeFrates
Dusty Evans
Sunny Miles
Andrew Plylar

GUESTS

Ellen Tanner – Court Reporter
Lt. Bell – EBR Sheriff's Office
Chris Donaldson – Donaldson Educational Services

Chairman Reinauer was unable to attend. Vice-Chairman Roberts served as acting Chairman.

Commissioner Free led the invocation; Commissioner Greenup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Commissioner Wolford made motion, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2019. Motion passed without opposition.

(Attachment A)

PLEDGE OF SERVICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER PAULA DUNCAN

ACT 454 (2018 REGULAR SESSION) HEARING

No public comment regarding LREC Rules and Regulations.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES (SEE OFFICIAL COURT TRANSCRIPT FOR RECORD):

1. Leisha Bridges – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to allow Ms. Bridges’ request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.
2. Cody Ficklen – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Donnes made motion, seconded by Commissioner Free, to allow Mr. Ficklen to obtain a real estate license. Motion failed 6-3, with Commissioners Ritchie, Gauthier, Norman, Baaheth, Wolford, and Greenup voting in opposition.
3. Lakeia Frith – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Norman made motion, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to deny Ms. Frith’s request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 5-4, with Commissioners Duncan, Baaheth, Donnes, and Free voting in opposition.
4. Chanda Hall – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Wolford made motion, seconded by Commissioner Donnes, to allow Ms. Hall to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 7-2, with Commissioners Ritchie and Gauthier voting in opposition.
5. Troy Hodges – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Free made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to allow Mr. Hodges to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.
6. Tiffanie Lee (third appearance) – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Greenup made motion, seconded by Commissioner Free, to allow Ms. Lee to obtain a real estate license. Motion failed 2-7, with Commissioners Duncan, Ritchie, Gauthier, Norman, Baaheth, Wolford, and Donnes voting in opposition.

7. Tamara Robinson Long – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Free made motion, seconded by Commissioner Baaheth, to allow Ms. Long to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 8-1, with Commissioner Ritchie voting in opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Commissioner Free reviewed the proposed budget with the Commissioners.
(Attachment B)
2. Education/Research/Publication – Commissioner Gauthier reviewed the attendance for Train the Trainer as well as current education renewal completions.
3. Legal/Legislative/Timeshare – Commissioner Ritchie thanked those individuals who attended the taskforce meeting on commercial licensing. He stated the taskforce has met three times and has made good progress. He states that he had planned to bring the Commission a recommendation at today’s meeting, but that the taskforce is still working on suggestions for approved commercial CE courses. He stated that the taskforce will make a recommendation soon for implementation in 2021.
4. Standardized Forms – No report
5. Errors & Omissions – Commissioner Norman reviewed the annual E&O report issued by Rice.
(Attachment D)
6. Technology – No report

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Unangst stated that the agency did not experience any issues with the recent computer issues that impacted many state agencies.

Mr. Unangst also stated that there have been some recent staff changes. He stated that long-time licensing staff member Angela Moncrieffe has retired. He stated that Sunny Miles has been promoted to manager of the Licensing Division. He stated that Karen Buratt has been promoted from agency receptionist to licensing coordinator and that new hire Andrew Plylar has been brought in as receptionist. Mr. Unangst introduced Mr. Plylar to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Unangst stated that former Commissioner Frank Trapani reached to him to ask for clarification on electronic confirmations of receipt of agency disclosures.

Ms. Edwards stated that electronic responses must be accepted per law.

Acting Chairman Roberts stated the Commission needs to elect officers for 2020.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Wolford, to elect Commissioner Roberts as 2020 Chairman. Motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to elect Commissioner Baaheth as 2020 Vice Chairman. Motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Wolford, to elect Commissioner Ritchie as 2019 Secretary.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. Motion passed without opposition. Ms. Mire will send out an updated schedule to all commissioners.

(Attachment E)

Commissioner Roberts stated that all commissioners must take the state ethics course before the end of the year. Ms. Mire will send out a reminder with the link to the course.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

There being no further business, Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition.

RICK ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

MATT RITCHIE, SECRETARY