

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

June 18, 2020

The Louisiana Real Estate Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 9 a.m. via teleconference, 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., Chairman
Lacy Baaheth, Vice Chairman
Matt Ritchie, Secretary
Jeff Donnes
Paula Duncan
Jeff Free
Eloise Gauthier
Rodney Greenup
Deanna Norman
Richman Reinauer
Evelyn Wolford

STAFF

Bruce Unangst, Executive Director
Arlene Edwards
Summer Mire
Ryan Shaw
Damien Smart
Jenny Yu
Mark Gremillion
Debbie DeFrates
Dusty Evans
Tom Devillier
Nikki Senegal
Malissa Fowler
Telly Hollis

GUESTS

Burk Baker
Kim Callaway
Brent Lancaster

MINUTES

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Reinauer, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2020. Motion carried without opposition.

(Attachment A)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Commissioner Free reviewed the budget report with the commissioners. He stated that not much has changed in the budget since the last commission meeting. He stated that operating and personal services are up from last year due to retirement and pay increases. He stated that overall, the LREC has spent ~\$50,000 less than last year. He stated that there are currently more active licensees than there have been in the last 12 years.

(Attachment B)

2. Education/Research/Publication – Commissioner Gauthier stated that an email was sent to the commissioners regarding the Request for Proposal that was sent out following the May meeting. She stated that three responses to the RFP were sent and went over the pricing with the commissioners.

She stated that she is unsure of whether or not Train the Trainer will happen live in the Fall depending on COVID-19. Mr. Unangst clarified that the individuals who submitted responses can teach the Train the Trainer courses virtually for a lower price.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Ritchie, to accept the CCIM/IREM RFP bid. Motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Gauthier asked staff to speak on the replacement for State Reporting. Mr. Unangst stated that staff is on track to launch the replacement in July. He stated that the program has been developed and is being tested and perfected for launch.

3. Legal/Legislative/Timeshare – Commissioner Ritchie asked that Mr. Devillier give the commissioners an update on the outcome of legislative session. Mr. Devillier stated that a bill regarding aid to individuals who have financial aid needs won't apply to the LREC because the agency does not conduct its own testing.

Mr. Devillier stated that Act 200 will need to be addressed. He stated that this bill is related to the temporary issuance of licenses to individuals in the military and their families. He stated that there is a list of qualifications that the individuals must meet in order to be issued the temporary license. He stated that the LREC must issue a decision on the issuance of the temporary license in writing within 30 days of the request.

He stated that a bill allowing for teleconference meetings during Governor-declared states of emergency passed making it possible to have virtual meetings when meeting in person is deemed unsafe.

He stated that HCR 71, which would suspend licensing fees from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, will not apply to the Board or Commission. He stated that he does not yet have that in writing so he cannot be sure that this will not change.

Commissioner Ritchie asked if any legislation addressed the inability of members to participate in live meetings due to doctors' orders. Mr. Devillier stated that he did not see any legislation regarding this particular stipulation.

4. Standardized Forms – No report.
5. Errors & Omissions – No report.
6. Technology – Commissioner Greenup stated that staff is working with NIC Louisiana to continue development of digital forms. Mr. Unangst stated that NIC Louisiana is working on the digitization of forms. He stated that three new forms have been developed since the last commission meeting and that progress is being made on additional forms.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Unangst stated that the LREC pension contributions are going down by a few thousand dollars due to LASERS actuary. He stated that this will be reflected in the next budget report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Reinauer made motion, seconded by Commissioner Norman, to add discussion of the July meeting date to the agenda. Motion passed without opposition.

Chairman Roberts stated that the July meeting needs to be moved from July 16 to July 30 due to a formal hearing that needs to be rescheduled from an earlier date. He stated that as long as nothing changes between now and then, the meeting will be held in person at the LREC office.

Commissioner Reinauer made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to move the July meeting from July 16 to July 30. Motion passed without opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

RICK ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

MATT RITCHIE, SECRETARY