

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

December 16, 2021

The Louisiana Real Estate Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 10:00 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

Lacy Baaheth, Chairman
Matt Ritchie, Vice Chairman
Jeff Free, Secretary
Synde Devillier
Paula Duncan
Eloise Gauthier
Rodney Greenup
Ted Major
Joseph Pappalardo, Jr.
Patrick Roberts, Jr.
Gladys Smith-Coward

STAFF

Bruce Unangst, Executive Director
Arlene Edwards, Legal Counsel
Summer Mire, Deputy Director
Ryan Shaw
Tom Devillier
Mark Gremillion
Nikki Wallace
Debbie DeFrates
Malissa Fowler
Logan Cockerham
Telly Hollis
Henk vanDuyvendijk
Allison O'Toole
Jenny Yu
Sidney Zheng
Allison Burnette
Dusty Evans

GUESTS

Deanna Norman – Former Commissioner
Wardell Coward

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

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER GLADYS SMITH-COWARD – PLEDGE OF SERVICE

Chairman Baaheth welcomed new commissioner Smith-Coward and had her repeat her pledge of service to the Commission.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO FORMER COMMISSIONER DEANNA NORMAN

Chairman Baaheth presented former commissioner Deanna Norman with a plaque of service and appreciation for her service on the commission.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2021. Motion passed without opposition.

(Attachment A)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Commissioner Free reviewed the budget report with the Commissioners.

(Attachment B)

2. Education/Research/Publication – Commissioner Gauthier reported on the Commercial Train the Trainer seminars that took place over the last month. Due to small number of participants, the Alexandria session was cancelled. Additional seminars may be held after the first of the year depending on the need for such. Commissioner Gauthier, Ms. Mire, Mr. Unangst, and Brian Andrews will be discussing the need for upcoming seminars.
3. Legal/Legislative/Timeshare – Vice-Chairman Ritchie stated that there will be proposed legislation up for discussion for the 2022 session. He deferred to Mr. Devillier for further explanation. Mr. Devillier discussed the need for “Rapback” legislation which would give more accurate background check reporting for licensees. He also discussed the possible need for legislation regarding to wholesaling. After discussion, Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Devillier, to add the topic of Rapback and wholesaling to the January 2022 agenda. Motion carried without opposition.
4. Standardized Forms – Commissioner Roberts stated there has been requests to add the “Maintain & Obtain” form to the LREC website under suggested forms. Staff will confer with Ms. Callaway from Louisiana REALTORS for this form.
5. Errors & Omissions – No report
6. Technology – Commissioner Greenup stated that the online Transfer and Terminate process has been working well. He thanked Ryan, Damien, and Mark for their hard work on getting this accomplished.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Unangst gave an overall report of the year's activities and thanked commissioners and staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Regulatory Compliance Matters:

Mr. Devillier reviewed Case No. 2019-1919 c/w Case No. 2019-1934: Louis R. Williams with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to approve the stipulation and consent order for Case No. 2019-1919 c/w Case No. 2019-1934: Louis R. Williams. Motion carried without opposition. Commissioner Roberts recused himself from the vote in this case.

2022 Officer Elections:

Commissioner Roberts made motion, seconded by Commissioner Devillier, to elect Vice-Chairman Matt Ritchie as Chairman for 2022. Motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Roberts made motion, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to elect Secretary Jeff Free as Vice-Chairman for 2022. Motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Greenup, to elect Paula Duncan as Secretary for 2022. Motion carried without opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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

LACY BAAHETH, CHAIRMAN

JEFF FREE, SECRETARY