

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

November 18, 2021

The Louisiana Real Estate Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 18, 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
Deanna Norman
Joseph Pappalardo, Jr.
Patrick Roberts, Jr.

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
Allison Burnette

GUESTS

Clayton Fields
Kim Callaway – Louisiana REALTORS®
Lieutenant Bell
Ellen Tanner

Orrin Newman

Commissioner Gauthier led the invocation; Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2021. Motion passed without opposition.

(Attachment A)

PERSONAL APPEARANCES (SEE OFFICIAL COURT TRANSCRIPT FOR RECORD):

1. Christie Parker (second appearance) – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Greenup made motion, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, to allow Ms. Parker to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 7-3, with Commissioners Devillier, Gauthier, and Norman voting in opposition.
2. Sabrina Maiden – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Norman, to deny Ms. Maiden’s request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.
3. Kelley Miller – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, to deny Ms. Miller’s request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 9-1, with Commissioner Free voting in opposition.
4. Kenneth W. Anderson – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Norman, to deny Mr. Anderson’s request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 8-2, with Commissioners Duncan and Major voting in opposition.
5. Aaron Elderidge – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Ritchie made motion, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, to allow Mr. Elderidge to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.
6. Porsha Aldredge – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Pappalardo made motion, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to deny Ms. Aldredge’s request to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 9-1, with Commissioner Duncan voting in opposition.
7. Phillip Young – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Norman made motion, seconded by Commissioner Major, to allow Mr. Young to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried 9-1, with Commissioner Devillier voting in opposition.
8. Larry Melton – requesting authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Norman made motion, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, to allow Mr. Melton to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.

9. Thomas Gaston – authorization to obtain a real estate license. Commissioner Gauthier made motion, seconded by Commissioner Ritchie, to allow Mr. Gaston to obtain a real estate license. Motion carried with no opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget – Commissioner Free reviewed the budget report with the Commissioners. He stated that revenues are up over July 1 – October 31. He stated that operating expenses are up due to retirement, insurance, and merit increases. He stated that license count is up nearly 800. He stated that the budget is in good shape.

(Attachment B)
2. Education/Research/Publication – Commissioner Gauthier stated that Commercial Mandatory Train the Trainer seminars will be held on December 8 and 10 in Alexandria and Baton Rouge, respectively. She stated that a flyer with information regarding the seminars will go out soon so that qualified instructors can begin registering for the seminars.
3. Legal/Legislative/Timeshare – No Report
4. Standardized Forms – Commissioner Roberts stated that the Standardized Forms have been pulled down from the website to make a few clerical changes and that they, along with the redline versions and a video reviewing the changes, should be back on the website by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.
5. Errors & Omissions – No report
6. Technology – Commissioner Greenup stated that the online Transfer and Terminate process has been working well. He stated that out of the 181 transfers processed since the new system was launched, 84 have been completed using the online system.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Unangst thanked Commissioner Greenup for his efforts in taking the LREC to 100% paperless processing capabilities.

He stated that Commissioner Norman's replacement has been named. He stated that Gladys Smith-Coward will be replacing Commissioner Norman as the representative from the Monroe area. He thanked Commissioner Norman for her service on the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Devillier reviewed Case 2020-1231 with the Commissioners. He stated that Ms. Ciufi forged a signature on a lease via DotLoop. He stated that no one was harmed other than the party whose signature was forged. He stated that Ms. Ciufi will have to pay a fine, be reported to AERLLO, and reapply as a new licensee.

Commissioner Norman made motion, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to approve the stipulation and consent order for Case No. 2020-1231: Corrie F. Ciufi. 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