

Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 15, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

On Monday, April 15, 2024, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its regularly scheduled, monthly meeting in-person and at the Commission’s domicile office located at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1430 *et seq* and other applicable law.

Commission Members Present:

Ms. Paula Duncan, Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 3)

Mr. Jeff Free (Sup. Ct. Dist. 2)

Mr. Joseph Pappalardo, Jr. Vice Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 7)

Mr. Rodney D. Greenup, Sr. (At-Large)

Ms. Synde Devillier, Secretary (Sup. Ct. Dist. 6)

Mr. Theodore Major (At-Large)

Ms. Hanna Chustz (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)

Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)

Mr. Tony Cornner (3rd Congress. Dist.)

Commission Members Absent:

Ms. Doneva Halphen (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1)

Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)

Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director

Ms. Taylor Green

Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir./Exec. Counsel

Ms. Courtney Stafford

Ms. Arlene C. Edwards, General Counsel

Mr. Jeremy Travis

Ms. Karen Carey

Ms. Sloane Watts

Ms. Dusty Evans

Ms. Jenny Yu

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Others Present:

Mr. Wardell Coward

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paula Duncan called the meeting to order at or about 2:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above. Commissioner Major led the invocation; and Chairman Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES & MARCH 20, 2024 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Devillier made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2024 Education Committee Meeting (Exhibit A) and the March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting (Exhibit B) as written and circulated.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES (SEE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT/RECORD)

None.

V. PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Chairman Duncan presented Commissioner Chustz with a plaque commemorating her completion of Commissioners College during the 2023 ARELLO Conference.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget. Commissioner Major reported regarding the Commission's budget report (Exhibit C).

2. Education. Secretary Devillier provided an update on the 2025 Mandatory Course, reminding the Commissioners of details from the previous regular meeting where Commissioner Ritchie suggested the idea of focusing the course on buyer brokerage. Ms. Mire presented a proposal from Lynn Madison to develop the four-hour mandatory course on buyer brokerage. Ms. Mire stated the course will cover buyer representation on both sides and provide live training sessions and an online course. Vice Chair Pappalardo made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornner, and unanimously approved to move forward with developing a mandatory course on buyer brokerage.

Ms. Mire added that she is in the process of soliciting feedback from continuing

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education vendors, schools, and others on the current continuing education approval guidelines. Ms. Mire stated that she hopes to have more information available at the next Commission meeting in May.

3. Legal / Legislative. Mr. Devillier stated that the LREC sponsored HB155 has not been scheduled for Senate introduction yet. Mr. Devillier stated that he has no concerns with the bill as it currently stands, it just hasn't been scheduled at this time. Mr. Devillier also provided updates on HB959 and SB456. Mr. Devillier stated that both bills are being monitored by the Commission. Mr. Devillier concluded his report by stating that he was asked by Secretary Devillier to monitor legislation on squatters in Louisiana. Mr. Devillier stated that there are currently two bills on this subject, one of which has recently passed the House. That bill would increase criminal penalties for squatters.

4. Standardized Forms. None.

5. Technology. Ms. Mire provided an update on the LREC website project stating that the Commission has received several proposals to redesign the Commission's website. Ms. Mire added that the Commission is awaiting a few additional details from one of the companies before moving forward in the process.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Staff Introduction. Ms. Mire introduced Ms. Taylor Green who will be joining the accounting staff.

2. ARELLO Mid-Year Conference in NOLA. Ms. Mire provided the Commissioners with an update on the ARELLO Conference in New Orleans this week. Ms. Mire stated that the LREC will host the morning walk and asked all Commissioners to attend. Ms. Mire also added that she will serve on a fair housing panel on Wednesday.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Devillier made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Greenup, and unanimously approved.