

MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
1100 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Mission: Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public
through examination, licensing, and regulatory activities regarding real estate

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022 10:30 a.m.
(held via Google Meet)

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anne Cooke (Industry)
Commissioner Marla Johnson (Industry)
Commissioner Donna Horgan (Industry)
Commissioner Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer (Industry)
Charlene Faison, Education Director, Session Recorder
Commissioner Michelle Wilson (Consumer)
Commissioner Nea Maloo (Consumer)
Commissioner Demetria Scott (Industry)
Jessica Praley, AAG
Kausar Syed, DoL Deputy Commissioner

ABSENT:

Michael Kasnic, Executive Director
Commissioner Kambon Williams (Consumer)
Commissioner Michael Lord (Consumer)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathie Connelly, Broker
James Beslity
Brenda Kasuva, MREEA
Jennifer League, GBBR
David Politzer, Broker
Nichol Andler, Director of Compliance, The CE Shop
Tina
Susan Mitchell, MR
Marie McFarland, Coastal Assoc of Realtors

CALL TO ORDER:

Anne Cooke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

REPORT OF COMPLAINTS/ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

Motion (made by Donna Horgan, seconded by Marla Johnson) **To approve the Administrative Dismissals for the month of May. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion (made by Marla Johnson, seconded by Donna Horgan) **To approve the minutes, of the April 20, 2022 business meeting. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Education and Legislative – Demetria Scott, Chair
 - For the month of April 2022, PSI administered 1338 salesperson and 58 broker exams, compared to 1219 salesperson and 54 broker exams in April 2021.
 - Education committee met this month but not enough members to make any decisions.
 - Members of the staff and commission met with PSI earlier this month for the exam review and rewrite.
 - Legislative committee still working of items.

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: reported by Jillian Lord, Asst. Exec. Dir.

- Current license count totals 49,515 of which 4,190 are brokers, 3,047 are associate brokers and 41,422 are salespersons, 156 are reciprocal brokers, 71 are reciprocal associate brokers, and 629 are reciprocal salesperson. Inactive total was not reported. There are 772 branch offices.
- Mr. Kasnic would still like the Commission to consider in-person meetings. One option is only one meeting at the Eutaw Street location. Another option is two meetings; one at Eutaw Street and one at a location near BWI.
- On April 22nd, Mr. Kasnic participated in an online webinar.
- May is the last meeting for Commission Wilson.
- Elections will be held in June.
- May would have been Commissioner Johnson’s last month but she will remain until a replacement is found. A candidate has been identified and progressing through the process of being appointed.

COMMENTS FROM COUNSEL: Jessica Praley, AAG

- Counsel offered thanks to Commissioner Wilson for her time serving as a commissioner.
- No other comments.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR: Anne Cooke

- Chair acknowledges she will miss Commissioner Wilson. She has enjoyed getting to know her.
- Commissioner Maloo will take over as chair of the Fair Housing Task Force in the departure of Commissioner Wilson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Already discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Commissioner Wilson expressed thanks for being able to serve as a Commissioner. Appreciated her time as fair housing chair and with working with everyone.
- Susan Mitchell, MR, thanked Mr. Kasnic for his participation in the webinar held by MR. Feedback from the webinar was shared with Mr. Kasnic and Chair Anne Cooke.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED _____
Anne Cooke, Chairperson

APPROVED AS AMENDED _____
Anne Cooke, Chairperson