
Maryland Real Estate Commission

Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: **November 20, 2024**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw Street
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Horgan, *Commissioner, Chair*
Michael Lord, *Commissioner*
Demetria Scott, *Commissioner*
Sandy Olson, *Commissioner*
Jean-Jacques Ellong, *Commissioner*

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah McDermott, *Assistant Commissioner, O&P*
John Dove, *Commissioner, O&P*
Matt McKinney, *Director of Government Affairs*
Scott Lederer, *Executive Director*
Robert Pambianco, *Assistant Attorney General*
Christopher Morton, *Paralegal*

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Christa McGee, *Maryland Realtors*
Brenda Kasuva, *MREEA*
Stephanie Gones, *The CE Shop*
Hope Mims, *Broker*

Kathie Connelly, *Broker*
Dave Polizer, *Broker*
Bob Pettis, *Associate Broker*
Dave Stromberg, *Associate Broker*

Roll Call/Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

Chair Horgan called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. and mentioned the meeting was being recorded to facilitate accurate minutes.

Approval of Report of Complaints/Administrative Dismissals for October

Motion (made by Commissioner Lord, seconded by Commissioner Elong) **To approve the Administrative Dismissals for the month of November 2024.**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (made by Commissioner Lord, seconded by Commissioner Olson) **To approve the October 16, 2024 Business Meeting minutes without corrections.**

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education - Update given by Commissioner Horgan

- The Train the Trainer program had 8 training sessions during the month of October, and they went very well.
- Executive Director Lederer thanked Bob Pettis and Brenda Kasuva for their instruction and participation.
- There were a total of over 200 instructors attending the four MREC-approved courses.
- Executive Director Lederer said future classes will be offered to instructors who could not attend. Approved instructor lists were emailed to all approved providers.
- The course review charge of \$25 was reinstated effective November 1, 2024.
- PSI, for the month of October, had administered a total of 177 first-time Salesperson exams with a total of 51 passing and administered a total of 12 first-time Broker exams with a total of 3 passing.
- The new Education Supervisor staff position was filled and expected to start on November 27, 2024.

Legislative – Commissioner Scott, Chair

- The Committee met on October 10, 2024.
- The committee discussed proposing legislation for background checks and fingerprinting for new and renewing licensees.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for early December.

Comments from Executive Director Lederer

- The new 30-day CE regulation is now in effect and causing confusion for licensees who missed the eblast or were not informed by their broker/manager. Another eblast will go out shortly.

Comments from Counsel Robert Pambianco

- Commented how busy the Commission has been keeping him.
- Will have more to comment on once the upcoming Legislative session gets underway.

Comments from Chair Horgan

- Commented this past month was very busy, and two hearings are scheduled for later today.
- Reminded all licensees not to disclose lockbox codes to the public and to follow EMD procedures.

Old Business

- Commissioner Lord mentioned that the Complaint Form Taskforce had completed the revisions to the Complaint Form and had sent it to all Commissioners before today's meeting.
- He thanked the task force members, Commissioners Scott and Olson, and staff Lucinda Rezek and Dawn Mazzaferro for their assistance.
- A vote was taken to approve the Revised Complaint Form.

Motion to Approve (made by Commissioner Lord, seconded by Commissioner Olson)

There was discussion regarding the inclusion of Anonymous Complaints along with supporting documentation, which Commissioner Lord addressed.

Motion carried.

New Business

- No new business discussed

Public Comment

- Christa McGee, Maryland Realtors
 - She commented on upcoming public policy information as the legislative session gets underway. She expects Wholesaling, Condo, and HOA resale package fees to be reintroduced.
- Brenda Kasuva, MREEA
 - She congratulated the Commission on the newly hired Education Supervisor.
 - She mentioned the next meeting of MREEA was scheduled for December 4, 2024 and would be a two part workshop on instructing virtually and related technical challenges.
- Stephanie Goines, The CE SHop
 - She inquired about the newly instituted course renewal charge of \$25. Requested another eblast go out regarding reinstating the charge.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Horgan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion To adjourn the meeting (made by Commissioner Lord, seconded by Commissioner Olson).

Motion carried.

The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED _____ *Donna Horgan* _____

Donna Horgan, Chairperson