

SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 202
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Called To Order:

Herbert Sass, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Real Estate Appraisers Board to order at 9:00 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Andrew Johnson; Ann King; Rhonwen Newton, Terrence O'Brien; and Carlton Segars.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sheridon Spoon, Assistant General Counsel, Paula Magargle, Hearing Attorney; Jamie Saxon, Advice Attorney; Jay Pitts, Administrator; Angela Scott, Administrative Assistant; Laura Smith, Office of Business and Building; Bill Plunkett, Investigations and Lisa Hawsey, Office of Business and Building.

Others present participating in the meeting included: Dan King; Jim Bair; and Ashby Krouse

Herbert Sass, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building and by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairman Sass introduced the Board members and staff.

Members Absences:

NONE

Approval of Minutes:

Thursday, November 12, 2009

MOTION:

Mr. Segars moved to approve the Thursday, November 12, 2009, meeting minutes with the following corrections: Page 1 under Disciplinary Hearings 3rd paragraph change to Mr. Johnson to Mrs. King. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Friday, November 13, 2009

MOTION:

Mr. Segars made a motion to approve the Friday, November 13, 2009, meeting minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Thursday, February 25, 2010

MOTION

Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the Friday, November 13, 2009, agenda as previously noticed. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Sass thanked Mr. Pitts and staff for all the outstanding work.

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Administrator's Remarks:

Update On Licensees – Mr. Pitts reported the licensing numbers as of today:

3145 Active Appraisers (includes all categories)

387 Apprentices

28 Certified General Mass

60 Certified Mass Appraisers

26 Inactive Certified General

25 Inactive Licensed Appraisers

393 Licensed Appraisers

14 Temporary permits

884 Certified General

1209 Certified Residential

12 Inactive Appraiser

37 Inactive Certified Residential

4 Inactive Licensed Mass

65 Licensed Mass Appraisers

Update On Investigations – Mr. Pitts reported the number of investigations as of today:

69 - Open Cases in Investigations.

Board Member Retreat – Mr. Pitts recommended that the Board have a Board Member Retreat offsite this upcoming spring. He asked the members to review their calendars to check their availability. Topics for discussion will include the following:

1. AMC Legislation
2. Disciplinary Matrix
3. AARO Meeting
4. In-house Investigations
5. IRC Meetings

AARO Conference – Mr. Pitts reported that the AARO Conference would be held May 1st – 3rd in San Diego, California. He reported that staff and two Board members could attend.

Board's Newsletter – Mr. Pitts reported that it is time for the Board to decide what articles will be published in the newsletter. He stated that every licensee who has an e-mail address listed in his or her licensing file would receive an electronic newsletter.

Travel Certifications – Mr. Pitts reported that travel certifications must be signed by members prior to getting reimburse for travel or Board meetings.

Board Member – Mr. Pitts reported that Mr. Joe Norwood was appointed to the Appraisers Board but he has not received the official notice from the Governors Office. Once Mr. Norwood is officially notified a staff will send a welcome letter and invite him to attend the next scheduled meeting.

License Renewals – Mr. Pitts reported that license renewals would be mailed on April 1, 2010, and the Office of Licensure and Compliance will be handling all renewals. In addition, they are encouraging applicants to renew online.

Matrix – Mr. O'Brien reported that he is currently working with the Appraisers and the legal team regarding the Matrix program.

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Appraisal Management Company – Chairman Sass recommended that the Board discuss the expense and management of appraisal companies at the Board Member Retreat.

Mr. Pitts reported that he has been in contact with the Office of Consumer Affairs and they are in the process of drafting legislation. He recommended that a taskforce be formed to work on the legislation. Chairman Sass requested that the entire Board work on the legislation.

New Business:

IRC Reports:

MOTION:

Ms. Newton made a motion, to approve the recommendations of the Investigative Review Committee. Mr. Segars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session

MOTION:

Mr. Segars made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Johnson seconded, the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Segars made a motion to come out of executive session. Mrs. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Disciplinary Hearing:

Mr. Jim Bair

The Board held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Mr. Jim Bair.

MOTION:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to deny Mr. Bair's request for reconsideration. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Mr. Ashby Krouse

The Board held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Mr. Ashby Krouse. Chairman Sess recused himself due to Mr. Krouse being a business acquaintance.

MOTION:

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to uphold the Georgia Real Estate ruling against Mr. Krouse. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Public Comments:

Mr. Pitts reported due to the number of hearings a two-day Board meeting has been scheduled for May 13 – 14, 2010.

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Retreat

Mr. Pitts reported that the Board Member Retreat will be held in Myrtle Beach on March 25 -26, 2010.

Adjournment:

Ms. Johnson moved the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The February 25, 2010, meeting of the South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.