

MINUTES
South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., April 2, 2015
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Jake Knight, Chairman, called the meeting of the Real Estate Appraisers Board to order at 10:07 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Rex Casterline, Christopher Donato, Michael Dodds, Chris Barczak and Andrew Johnson.

Mr. Knight announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with § 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrances to the Kingtree Building.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; Stacey Hewson, Office of Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Laura Smith, Interim Administrator; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Christina Barnes, Administrative Assistant; Tom Cullinan, Office of Investigations; Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations and Roderick Atkinson; Administrator of the SC Real Estate Commission.

Public member present was Austin Smallwood, SC Realtors.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

All board members and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Excused Absences

Ann King

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to approve the excused absence of Ann King due to a previously scheduled meeting. Mr. Dodds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was amended to include discussion of having members attend an AMC legislation meeting after Chairman's Remarks.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Donato seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks- Jake Knight

Staff Remarks- Laura Smith

Mrs. Smith informed the Board that the Illinois Appraisers Board reached out to her regarding a special AMC legislation meeting they are holding in Chicago on June 11, 2015.

Mr. Knight suggested that one staff member- Laura Smith and one board member- Chris Barczak or Michael Dodds should attend.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to seek financial approval and approve the attendance of Laura Smith and one board member, either Chris Barczak or Michael Dodds, for this meeting. Mr. Donato seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Disciplinary Hearings

Larry W. Pollard

The Board held a Final Order Hearing regarding Larry W. Pollard. Mr. Pollard was present and waived his right to be represented by legal counsel. Mrs. Baldwin advised the Board that Mr. Pollard signed a Memorandum of Agreement. The case was presented and discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. Casterline seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Casterline seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Knight stated that no votes were taken during Executive Session. He also wanted the record to reflect that the Board requested Stacey Hewson, Office of Advice Counsel, remain present during their Executive Session.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion that the Board acknowledge the respondent's violation of §§ 40-60-110 (2) and (17) and the State's withdrawal of (18). He moved to dismiss the Memorandum

of Agreement and issue Mr. Pollard a letter of caution. Mr. Dodds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Thomas Willis Northern

The Board held a Final Order Hearing regarding Thomas Willis Northern. Mr. Northern was present and represented by Mr. Jim Hoffmeyer of Florence, Legal Counsel. Mrs. Baldwin advised the Board that Mr. Northern signed a Memorandum of Agreement. The case was presented and discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. Casterline seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Knight stated that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

MOTION:

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Dodds seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to take note that the Board requested Stacey Hewson, Office of Advice Counsel, remain present during their Executive Session. Mr. Barczak seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Johnson made a motion that the Board accept the Memorandum of Agreement finding that the respondent violated SC Code 40-60-110 (22) and USPAP Ethics Rule. Mr. Northern will have to complete the National USPAP course, QE3, within six months of the final order and this class time will not count towards his continuing education. Mr. Donato seconded the motion.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to amend the acceptance to include a \$500.00 fine. The motion died as there was no second.

The original motion carried by majority vote. Mr. Barczak voted nay.

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

Morris L. Morgan

The Board held a disciplinary hearing regarding Morris L. Morgan. Mr. Morgan was not present. Mrs. Baldwin presented the Board with copies of Mr. Morgan's signed Consent Agreement. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Donato made a motion to accept Mr. Morgan's Consent Agreement. Mr. Johnson seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

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

MOTION:

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. Casterline seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Donato seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Mr. Casterline made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Donato seconded that motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.