

LLR – REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

10:00 A.M.

Welcome and Call to Order

Tony Cox, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Real Estate Commission to order at 10:08 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Manning Biggers, Vice Chairman; Buccie Harley, Scott Moseley, Evelyn Young, and Sarah Takacs.

Chairman Tony Cox, announced that the meeting was 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 entrance of the Kingstree Building. Staff responded affirmatively. It was noted that all conversations in the meeting room were being recorded and portions may be made public in accordance with the SC Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Staff members participating in the meeting included Jay Pitts, Administrator; Angela Scott, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Administrative Assistant; Beth Cumalander, Administrative Assistant; Michelle Sims, Administrative Assistant; Paula Magargle, Legal Services; Eddy Lane, Hearing Advice Attorney; Dean Grigg, Hearing Advice Attorney; Bill Plunkett, Investigator.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members and All other Persons Attending

The Board members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Member Absences

Carl Edwards and Dianna Brouthers received excused absences.

MOTION:

Mr. Moseley moved to approve the absences, Mr. Harley seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Minutes – October 20, 2010

MOTION:

Mr. Biggers moved to accept the minutes of October 20, 2010. Evelyn Young, Secretary was in attendance for the October 20, 2010 meeting but it was not reflected as such on those minutes. Mrs. Young asked that the minutes show that she was in attendance for the October 20, 2010 meeting. Mr. Biggers moved to accept the minutes with this correction. Mr. Harley seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

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Approval of IRC Reports

Mr. Pitts presented the Commission a copy of the IRC Report dated November 1, 2010. Mr. Pitts explained that the reports were self explanatory and no discussion was brought up at this time by the Commission.

MOTION:

Mrs. Young moved to accept the IRC reports. Mr. Biggers seconded the motion which unanimously carried.

Chairman's Remarks:

Tony Cox

Chairman Cox recognized two members of the audience; Byron King from the South Carolina Association of Realtors and staff member, Investigator Fred Glover.

Legislative Task Force Update

Mr. Pitts requested that in lieu of Mrs. Brouthers' absence that her co-chair, Mrs. Takacs would present the update on the Legislative Task Force. Mrs. Takacs reported that there was a fourth Legislative Task Force Committee meeting scheduled for December and meetings scheduled again in January and February. Although the process was taking longer than was anticipated, Mrs. Takacs stated that it was necessary to be extremely conscientious in this endeavor.

After review of the current license law, two further work groups will be formed. The goal of one of these two groups will be to submit the work of the Task Force into concrete recommendations for submittal to the Commission for consideration. Based on the decisions of the Commission, that group will work with the legal staff to turn those recommendations into language that would amend the current law. The second Task Force will determine a plan of action to be considered by the Commission in an effort to position the final product for presentation to the Legislation. The Task Force has decided to not reveal any specifics of their work until the work is fully completed and presented to the Commission. At that time the Commission will be the spokesman for the outcome of the Task Force meetings.

Mrs. Takacs stated that members of the Task Force are honored to have been asked to participate in the much needed licensing law review and the Commission could be assured that the task has been undertaken with the utmost dignity and respect.

Mr. Pitts made an addition to Mrs. Takacs report by explaining the Task Force is comprised of various individuals from the real estate industry in a variety of positions and that the real estate industry was therefore well represented. Mr. Pitts also confirmed that all Commission members had a copy of the amended meeting dates for 2011 and that he would be posting these dates to the website. Some discussion followed about the frequency of meeting dates in 2011.

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Disciplinary Hearings

Michael L. Evans

The Commission held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Michael L. Evans. Mr. Evans was not present. Mr. Moseley moved to revoke Mr. Evans' license and issue a fine of \$5,000. Mrs. Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

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

Virginia S. Bocook

The Commission held a Disciplinary Hearing regarding Virginia S. Bocook. Mrs. Bocook was not present. Mr. Moseley moved to revoke Mrs. Bocook's license and issue a fine of \$2,000. Mrs. Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

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

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session to seek legal advice in a disciplinary matter.

Adjournment

Upon returning from executive session Mr. Moseley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Takacs seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.