

## **MINUTES**

### **South Carolina Real Estate Commission**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 10:00am**

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

#### **Meeting Called to Order:**

Chairman Cox called the meeting of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members participating in this meeting included:

Tony Cox – Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
David Crigler – Vice-Chair - 4th Congressional District  
Candace Pratt – 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
David C. Lockwood, III, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
Carl Edwards – 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Manning Biggers – 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Buccie Harley – 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
G. Hamlin O’Kelley – Public Member  
Wayne Poplin – At-Large Member  
Johnathan Stackhouse – Public Member

Staff members participating during the meeting included Roderick Atkinson, Board Administrator; Wanda Cooke, Administrative Assistant; Georgia Lewis, Office of Advice Counsel, and Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations.

#### **Public Notice:**

Chairman Cox announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Real Estate Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

#### **Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Manning Biggers.

#### **Introduction of Board Members and Staff**

#### **Excused Absences:**

none

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Atkinson requested to add “2014 ARELLO Investigators Workshop” to item #3, under Administrator’s Remarks.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Pratt made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2014**

**MOTION:**

Mr. Biggers made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014, meeting. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman’s Remarks:**

*Tony Cox*

Chairman Cox asked Mr. Atkinson to give an update on the process for selecting a vendor for the Criminal Background Checks. Currently the LLR Procurement office is in the bidding process. The projected implementation date is still unknown. Chairman Cox asked that a representative from the LLR Procurement office give an update to the Commission at the next meeting, which is scheduled for September 17, 2014.

**Administrator’s Remarks:**

*Rod Atkinson*

**1. Licensure Update** as of August 6, 2014

• Broker	5255
• Broker In Charge	7462
• Property Manager	1337
• Property Manager In Charge	1152
• Salesman	17732
• Salesman (Provisional)	1710
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE</b>	<b>34,648</b>

• Inactive Broker	1614
• Inactive Property Manager	501
• Inactive Salesman	5099
<b>TOTAL INACTIVE</b>	<b>7,214</b>

**TOTAL CURRENT LICENSES  
AS OF 8/6/14 41,862**

2. **Budget** update for June and July 2014 was reviewed. Chairman Cox asked if the Commission could hire staff to implement distribution of the newsletter. Mr. Edwards noted that the Commission has voted in a previous meeting, to hire a staff person to handle this task. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Edwards made a motion that we hire a staff person or contract with an outside source to implement the distribution of an electronic newsletter. Mr. Poplin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lockwood asked that the newsletter committee (Pratt, Crigler and Lockwood) reconvene to discuss this matter further.

3. **2014 ARELLO Annual Conference and Investigators Workshop**

The 2014 ARELLO Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA, on September 17-21, 2014.

The 2014 ARELLO Investigators Workshop will be held in Columbus, OH, on October 28 – 30, 2014.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to approve all members who are interested to attend the 2014 ARELLO Annual Conference. Mr. Poplin seconded, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Crigler made a motion to approve three (3) staff members to attend the 2014 ARELLO Investigators Workshop. Ms. Pratt seconded, which carried unanimously.

4. **Investigations and Enforcement**

Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, presented the Commission with an overview of the opened and closed cases from January 1, 2014 – August 6, 2014, as well as for the previous year.

5. **IRC Report** - The Commission reviewed the IRC report from August 4, 2014.

**MOTION:**

Mr. O'Kelley made the motion to approve the IRC report from August 4, 2014. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **SCR License Law Proposal** – Nick Kremydas, SC Realtors, addressed the Commission to request that the License Law Task Force reconvene to discuss unintentional changes to the proposed law. Discussion ensued.

It was agreed that the original task force would reconvene and review proposed changes again and hopefully have a revised draft version prepared by the October 2014 meeting of the Commission, in order to have a proposal in place for the 2015 Legislative session.

## **APPLICATION HEARINGS**

### ***Vanessa Patrick***

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Vanessa Patrick. Ms. Patrick appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was represented by Andrew Aun. Discussion ensued.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Edwards made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Poplin made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. O'Kelley made a motion to allow Ms. Patrick to sit for the sales examination upon submission of a statement from her prospective Broker in Charge, and proof of completion of the Broker A and B classes. Ms. Patrick will be on probation status for three (3) years and will not be permitted to obtain Broker in Charge status. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried with a 5/4 vote.

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

### ***Robert Boineau***

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Robert Boineau. Mr. Boineau appeared before the Commission to present testimony and was represented by Robert Boineau, III. Discussion ensued.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Edwards made a motion to allow Mr. Boineau to sit for the examination. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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***LUNCH BREAK***

***Dan McCorkle***

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Dan McCorkle. Mr. McCorkle appeared before the Commission to present testimony and waived his right to counsel. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Poplin made a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. O’Kelley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Crigler made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. Pratt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Edwards made a motion to allow Mr. McCorkle to sit for the sales examination. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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***Bradford Carter***

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Bradford Carter. Mr. Carter appeared before the Commission to present testimony and waived his right to counsel. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Harley made a motion to allow Mr. Carter to sit for the property manager’s examination. Mr. Lockwood seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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***Andrew Steel***

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Andrew Steel. Mr. Steel appeared before the Commission to present testimony and waived his right to counsel. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Crigler made a motion to allow Mr. Steel to sit for the real estate sales examination. Mr. O’Kelley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m