

South Carolina Real Estate Commission
Education Taskforce Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 1 p.m.

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Taskforce Members Present:

David Burnett – Commissioner, Taskforce Chair
Gary A. Pickren, Esq. – Commissioner
W. Brown Bethune - Commissioner
Carol Pyfrom
Charles Wyatt
Dianna Brouthers
Jim Moody
Keon Aldrich
Robert Woodul
Austin Smallwood, Esq., SCR
Jenny Nicely

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Tennis, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator
Joi Middleton, Education Manager

PRESENT:

Sarah Costilow, Court Reporter

CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved by Mr. Woodul and seconded by Mr. Bethune, the motion was approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF TASKFORCE MEMBERS AND STAFF

Taskforce members and staff introduced themselves.

IDENTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION OF EDUCATION ISSUES

Mr. Burnett reported the Finance Taskforce met earlier in the day. The taskforce is very supportive of the Education Taskforce efforts and favorable to providing funding for various projects.

As the Education Taskforce was not able to discuss all of the items on the Overview sheet during the initial meeting, Mr. Burnett directed the taskforce to first address the request for possible education on handling earnest money. Ms. Brouthers stated the Commission owns a course on trust accounts and it may be possible to update the materials to reflect current practices including attorney handling of money and the differences regarding commercial practice. Along the same lines Ms. Nicely suggested a course be developed for property managers to assist with proper handling of money.

The taskforce next reviewed the current core course and identified the need to develop a core course for commercial real estate and property management. As current statutes do not require continuing education for the property manager license, the taskforce agreed to focus upon development of a companion commercial real estate core course. The ability to utilize CCIM Institute courses as general continuing education as well as possible core course for commercial was proposed by Mr. Bethune. It was determined further review of the Commissions statutes and regulations would need to be done in order to determine whether the CCIM courses could be utilized for continuing education. Mr. Tennis advised the taskforce that if multiple core courses are to be developed, the Commission would need to look at amending the regulations to specify that the core course requirement can be met by taking either the residential or the commercial core course.

Motion: To approve the offering of two core courses, one for residential and one for commercial, as well as any notice of drafting to amend regulations as needed.
Moved by Mr. Pickren and seconded by Mr. Bethune, the motion was approved unanimously.

The instructor development workshop was next discussed with Mr. Pickren requesting the course content be overhauled as well as expansion of when and how the course is offered. The taskforce discussed the ability to offer the course virtually, whether or not a separate course into general and core course instructor, and if instructors with the national “distinguished real estate instructor” credentials could be exempt from the workshop requirements.

Motion: To approve a subcommittee to look at the renovation of the instructor development workshop for the enhancement of quality and improved education experience. Ms. Brouthers and Ms. Nicely to serve.
Moved by Mr. Pickren and seconded by Mr. Bethune, the motion was approved unanimously.

Review of ARELLO certification requirements for distance education offerings was next discussed. Ms. Middleton confirmed courses seeking asynchronous learning need to first attain certification from IDECC prior to submitting to the Commission for approval.

Motion: To approve a subcommittee to review the distance education guidelines in the regulations and report back to the taskforce recommendations. The subcommittee to be comprised of Ms. Brouthers, Ms. Nicely, Ms. Pyfrom and Ms. Aldrich.
Moved by Ms. Brouthers and seconded by Ms. Nicely, the motion was approved unanimously.

The taskforce began discussion on strengthening the Broker-In-Charge course; however, Ms. Brouther shared that the course was recently updated and that discussion should be postponed until taskforce members have reviewed the new material. Ms. Brouthers also suggested the taskforce discuss the development of education courses to be utilized for discipline purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.