

**South Carolina Real Estate Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 10:00 am
110 Centerview Dr., Kingtree Building, Upstate Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Real Estate Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Commission website, 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.

Commissioners Present:

John Rinehart, Chair – 5th Congressional District
David Burnett, Vice-Chair – 4th Congressional District
Daniel Moskowitz – 1st Congressional District
Allen Wilkerson – 2nd Congressional District
William “Andy” Lee – 3rd Congressional District
Andrew Streett – 7th Congressional District
Gary A. Pickren, Esq. – At-Large Member
Johnathan Stackhouse – Public Member
Thomas Dugas, Esq. – Public Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Erica Wade, Commission Executive
Ashlynn Brown, Administrative Coordinator
Brandy Duncan, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Shannon Davis, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Wattie Wharton, Lead Investigator Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Chuck Waters, Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Chuck Turkal, Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Kasey Williams, Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Jennifer Farmer, Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Jennifer Stillwell, Program Manager II Office of Investigations and Enforcement
April Howe, Program Manager Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Robbie Dean, Program Manager Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Heather Rexford, Inspector for Office of Investigations and Enforcement

PRESENT:

Sean Cary, Court Reporter
Louis Dettorre, SCR
David Anderson, Esq.
Elli White, Esq.
Ping Niu
Curt Weeks
Renny Diedrick
Tiffany Weeks

Ryan Korros

CALLED TO ORDER: Mr. Rinehart called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Wilkerson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion: To approve the Absence of Janelle Mitchell and the delayed arrival of William Lee.
Mr. Moskowitz made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Streett. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Mr. Burnett made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wilkerson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

COMMISSION PURPOSE & CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The purpose of the Real Estate Commission is to regulate the real estate industry so as to protect the public's interest when involved in real estate transactions. The Commission also investigates complaints and conducts application and disciplinary hearings in accordance with State statutes and regulations.

Mr. Rinehart wished LLR Lead Investigator, Wattie Wharton, a Happy Birthday!

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

- a. 2023-151 Ping Niu
The purpose of this hearing was to consider the Stipulation of Facts ("SOF") for Case No. 2023-151. Mrs. Niu appeared before the Commission, was sworn in, testified, and answered questions from the Commission.

After opening statements were made, Mrs. Davis, with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the State's case. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary

Motion: To enter into executive session for legal advice where no votes will be taken.
Moved by Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Moskowitz the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Lee entered the meeting at 11:30am, he did not join the executive session.

Motion: To exit executive session and return to open session.

Moved by Mr. Stackhouse and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: With respect to Case No. 2023-151, the state had proven by a preponderance of evidence that Respondent violated S.C. Code § 40-57-710(A)(5), and S.C. Code § 40-57-710(A)(11). The motion included the following sanctions:

Respondent be issued a public reprimand, the Respondent be fined \$250 per violation for a total of \$500 in fines to be paid within 60 days from the date of the final order, and the Respondent must take and pass the Property Manager-in-Charge 7-hour course within 60 days from the date of the final order.

Moved by Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Pickren, the motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Lee abstained from voting due to not being present for the case.

b. 2025-440 Curt Weeks

The purpose of this hearing was to consider the Stipulation of Facts (“SOF”) for Case No. 2025-440. Mr. Weeks appeared before the Commission and was represented by Mr. David Anderson, Esq. Renny Diedrich, Respondent’s Broker-in-Charge, and Ryan Korros, Respondent’s co-worker and “Team Leader” were present and sworn in.

Motion: To enter into closed session.

Moved by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Moskowitz, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

After opening statements were made, Mrs. Davis, with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the SOF. Mr. Weeks, Ms. Diedrich, and Mr. Korros testified and answered questions posed by the Commission. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Motion: To enter into executive session for legal advice where no votes will be taken.

Moved by Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Dugas, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: To exit executive session, to exit closed session, and return to open session.

Moved by Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Moskowitz, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: With respect to Case No. 2025-440, the state had proven by a preponderance of evidence that Respondent violated S.C. Code § 40-57-710(A)(5), and S.C. Code § 40-1-110(1)(f). The motion included the following sanctions:

Respondent be issued a public reprimand, the Respondent’s license be

permanently revoked, and the current voluntary relinquishment continue until the order is finalized.

Moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Dugas, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

c. 2024-563

The purpose of this hearing was to consider the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) for Case No. 2024-563. The respondent appeared before the Commission and was **not** represented by counsel. The respondent was sworn in.

After opening statements were made, Mrs. Davis, with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the MOA. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary. The respondent testified and answered questions posed by the Commission.

Motion: To enter into executive session for legal advice where no votes will be taken.
Moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Wilkerson, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: To exit executive session and return to open session.
Moved by Mr. Stackhouse and seconded by Mr. Lee, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: With respect to Case No. 2024-563, it was moved that the case be dismissed and a Letter of Caution issued.

Moved by Mr. Streett and seconded by Mr. Dugas, the motion carried by unanimous vote. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Lee asked inspections to place Yes Community properties inspections towards the top of the list.

Motion: To issue a Cease and Desist to the company Yes! Communities.
Moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Pickren, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.
Moved by Mr. Stackhouse and seconded by Mr. Pickren The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09pm