

## **MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 10:00am**

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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

Tony Cox, Chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission to order at 10:07a.m. Board members participating in this meeting included:

Tony Cox – Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Candace Pratt – 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
David C. Lockwood, III, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
David Crigler – 4<sup>th</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

Staff members participating during the meeting included Wanda Cooke, Administrative Assistant; William Tiller, Education Manager; Georgia Lewis, Office of Advice Counsel; Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations; Prentiss Shealy, Office General Counsel. Roderick Atkinson, Board Administrator was not present.

#### **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 led by Chairman Cox.

#### **Excused Absences:**

Carl Edwards – 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Johnathan Stackhouse – Public Member

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Harley made a motion to excuse these absences. Mr. Poplin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2013**

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

### **Approval of Agenda:**

It was noted that item #1 under New Business has been resolved and this item will be deleted from the agenda.

### **MOTION:**

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

### **Chairman's Remarks:**

*Tony Cox*

Chairman Cox addressed the Commission concerning his desire to reinstitute the Legislative Task Force that was in place previously, with the addition of Commissioners Lockwood and Pratt. Mr. Tiller was asked to coordinate the meeting date and time, and an update will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

### **Administrator's Remarks:**

*Beau Tiller, Education Manager*

#### **1. Licensure Update as of January 15, 2014**

• Broker	5273
• Broker In Charge	7504
• Property Manager	1305
• Property Manager In Charge	1129
• Salesman	17336
• Salesman (Provisional)	1543
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE</b>	<b>34090</b>

• Inactive Broker	1688
• Inactive Property Manager	505
• Inactive Salesman	5217
<b>TOTAL INACTIVE</b>	<b>7410</b>

**TOTAL CURRENT LICENSES  
AS OF 1/15/14 41500**

#### **2. Investigations and Enforcement**

Sharon Wolfe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the Commission with an overview of the open and closed cases from January 1, 2014 – January 14, 2014, as well for the previous year.

#### **3. Budget update for December 2013 was reviewed.**

4. **IRC Report** - The Commission reviewed the IRC report from January 13, 2014.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Harley made the motion to approve the IRC report from January 13, 2014. Mr. Crigler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **Core Course Development for 2014** – Mr. Tiller gave a brief update on the progress of the development of the mandated core course for 2014. The new course is entitled *Professional Expectations and Obligations*. The Instructor Development Workshop will be held on April 14, 2014. All instructors who wish to teach this course are required to attend this workshop.

Chairman Cox asked Mr. Tiller the status of the Providers having the ability to upload completed courses to our website. No information is currently available on this matter. Chairman Cox asked that Mr. Tiller research this and provide an update at the next Commission meeting.

6. **2014 Statement of Economic Interest Filings** – this information was distributed to the Commission for information only.
7. **2015 Commission Meeting Dates** were distributed for information.

**Unfinished Business**

**1. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

***Glenn Brown***

The Commission held a Motion for Reconsideration Hearing regarding Mr. Glenn Brown. Mr. Brown appeared before the Commission and was represented by Vannie Williams, Esq. Mr. Williams addressed the Commission and discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

Mr. O'Kelley made a motion to deny Mr. Brown's request for reconsideration and affirm the November 20, 2013, ruling as to violations to the Statute and to the punishment incurred. Mr. Poplin seconded the motion, which carried with one abstention.

2. It was decided at a previous Commission meeting to add two (2) additional professional members to the Investigative Review Committee. Resumes for this position were accepted and reviewed.

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

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

**MOTION:**

Mr. Crigler made a motion to appoint a pool of six (6) professional members to the Investigative Review Committee meetings. This list includes Naomi Scipio, Hugh Ryall, Sarah Takacs, Bunni Crawford, Paul Capers, and Teena Martindale. The optimum number attending would be three (3) however, there would be a minimum requirement of two (2) attending each meeting. Mr. Harley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

Jill Vermillien and John Vermillien appeared before the Commission to address concerns regarding the complaint process. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Pratt made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. O'Kelley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Harley made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. O'Kelley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on February 12, 2014.