

RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive Kingstree Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Videoconference
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motion and official actions taken by the Commission and brief summary of the meeting.

Called to Order:

Timothy W. Roberts, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Residential Builders Commission to order at 10:02 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Christy Rhyne, Hal Dillard, Bryan Dowd and Al Bailey.

Timothy W. Roberts, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building and by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with § 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 Residential Builders Commission Meeting Agenda. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the October 14th, 2020 and November 9th, 2020 Meeting:

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the October 14th, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the November 9th, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval /Disapproval of Absent Members:

No motion was made. All members were present.

Chairman's Remarks:

Timothy W. Roberts

Mr. Roberts reminded everyone that this meeting is being recorded and asked that everyone please speak clearly. Additionally, he advised all applicants, licensees, and staff to direct their questions to the Chairman of the Commission and asked for patience as the Commission used the WebEx Platform.

Initial Applications:

William Panas

The Commission held an application review regarding Mr. William Panas. Mr. Panas appeared before the Commission, and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the specialty registration for Mr. William Panas. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Melanie Locklear

The Commission held an application review regarding Melanie Locklear. Ms. Locklear appeared before the Commission and waived her right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the specialty registration for Ms. Locklear with the condition she must carry a \$5,000 bond at all times the registration is active. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which did not carry unanimously. Mr. Dowd opposed.

Dean Easton

The Commission held an application review regarding Dean Easton. Mr. Easton appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice in regards to Mr. Easton's application. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to exit executive session after receiving legal advice. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to allow Mr. Easton to sit for the exam. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Justin Hadley

The Commission held an application review regarding Justin Hadley. Mr. Hadley appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to allow Mr. Hadley to sit for the exam. Ms. Rhyne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hunter Walker

The Commission held an application review regarding Hunter Walker. Mr. Walker appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to allow Mr. Walker to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vitaliy Sulakov

The Commission held an application review regarding Vitaliy Sulakov. Mr. Sulakov appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Bailey made a motion to allow Mr. Sulakov to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cody Schilawski

The Commission held an application review regarding Cody Schilawski. Mr. Schilawski appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Dillard made a motion to allow Mr. Schilawski to sit for the exam. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Michelle Taylor

Ms. Taylor did not appear before the Commission.

MOTION:

No motions were made.

Jonathan Gafford

The Commission held an application review regarding Jonathan Gafford. Mr. Gafford appeared before the Commission and waived his right to counsel.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to allow Mr. Gafford to sit for the exam. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bailey recused himself from the meeting due to his service as a hearing officer in the cases of Jessica Heinz case no 2019-469 and Vasiliy Busko case no 2019-109.

Hearing Officer Recommendations:

Ms. Jessica Heinz case no 2019-469

The Board held a Final Order hearing regarding Ms. Jessica Heinz. Mr. Chris Elliott, Esq. represented the State in the matter.

MOTION:

Mr. Dowd made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Vasiliy Busko

The Board held a Final Order hearing regarding Mr. Vasiliy Busko. Mr. Chris Elliott, Esq. represented the State in the matter.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- *Mr. Bailey returned to meeting and Mr. Roberts recused himself from the meeting due to his service as a hearing officer in the case of Mr. Bryant Hollowell. Mr. Bryan Dowd also recused himself due to a personal relationship with Mr. Hollowell.*

Mr. Bryant Hollowell

The Board held a Final Order hearing regarding Mr. Bryant Hollowell. Mr. Hollowell was represented by Counsel Mr. Gary Finklea. Mr. Kyle Tennis, Esq. represented the State in the matter.

MOTION:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to adopt the Hearing Officer's Recommendation. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

Janet Baumberger, Administrator

No remarks were made.

OIE Report – Mr. Todd Bond:

Todd Bond, Chief Investigator of OIE

Mr. Kyle Tennis, presented the OIE report. He reported the number of investigations as of November 18, 2020:

As of November 18, 2020:

Complaints Received – 793 Active Investigations – 264 Closed Cases –157

New Business

A. Recommendations of IRC:

MOTION

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to approve the Recommendations of the IRC. Mr. Dillard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

B. Resolution Guidelines:

MOTION

Mr. Dowd made a motion to approve the IRC Resolution Guidelines. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Residential Builders Commission meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 2020.

Adjournment:

Ms. Rhyne made a motion to adjourn the Residential Builders Commission Meeting. Mr. Dowd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Residential Builders Commission Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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