
Maryland Real Estate Commission
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 19, 2022

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Horgan, *Commissioner*
Anne Cooke, *Commissioner*
Nea Maloo, *Commissioner*
Michael Lord, *Commissioner*
Sandy Olson, *Commissioner*
Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer, *Commissioner*
Demetria Scott, *Commissioner*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kambon Williams, *Commissioner*

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Kasnic, *Executive Director*
Jillian Lord, *Asst. Executive Director*
Charlene Faison, *Education Director*
Danielle Anderson, *Web Content and Outreach
Coordinator*
Jessica Praley, *AAG*
Gregory Morgan, *DoL Commissioner*

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brenda Kasuva, *MREEA*
Kathie Connelly, *Broker*
JC Hooker, *Inkscale Realty*
Ana Ferguson, *Douglas Realty LLC*
Kimberly Goudy, *The CE Shop*
David Politzer, *Broker*

Donna Herring, Samson Properties
Marie McFarland, Coastal Assoc of Realtors

Roll Call/Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

Anne Cooke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

Approval of Report of Complaints/Administrative Dismissals

Motion (made by Michael Lord, seconded by Donna Horgan) **To approve the Administrative Dismissals for the month of October. Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion (made by Donna Horgan, seconded by Michael Lord) **To approve the minutes, of the September 21, 2022 business meeting. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Education – Demetria Scott, Chair

- For the month of September 2022, PSI administered 940 salesperson and 97 broker exams, compared to 949 salesperson and 71 broker exams in September 2021.
- Committee was supposed to meet on October 25, 2022; however, the Chair has a conflict and will reschedule the meeting.
- Chair received complaint from an individual that scheduled a test date for Sunday, September 23, 2022 and there was no staff at the College Park, MD location. Individual claims about ten people showed up for a 6:30AM exam and no employee showed up until 8:30 or 9:00AM.

Legislative – Donna Horgan, Chair

- Committee is very busy. One of the issues they are tackling is the 40-year lease issue. Legislation is being considered for persons in this predicament. MREC's counsel has contacted counsel with the Attorney General's office. It is a joint issue among agencies to combat the issue.
- Bob Pettis will attend next Tuesday's legislative meeting and give a report on radon and how it affects citizens.
- There have been complaints about septic systems and holding tanks. Group has decided they would like to change the wording of question #9 on the disclosure/disclaimer form.

Comments from Executive Director

- Mission Statement remains important and was reiterated.
- Current license count totals 49,756 of which 4,192 are brokers, 3,089 are associate brokers and 41,546 are salespersons, 159 are reciprocal brokers, 69 are reciprocal associate brokers, and 701 are reciprocal salesperson. Inactive totals was not reported. There are 760 branch offices.
- Guaranty fund balance as of August 31, 2022 is \$1,242,596.53.
- Projected total of complaints for the fiscal year looks to be about 782 which is less than last year's total.

- Has received information there is a required in-person meeting for the 1st quarter of next year. Schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2023 was shared. Floor was opened for discussion from commissioners. Most commissioners are open to meeting in person.
- Commission Morgan offered update on the relocation. Another round of requests for proposals has happened but it does not include Department of Labor.
- There is a new investigator starting next week.
- Interviews are being scheduled for the position of Education Assistant that will work with Mrs. Faison.
- Commission Check newsletter will coming out in November.
- There has been a request for another commissioner to attend Maryland Equity & Inclusion Leadership Program at University of Baltimore. Chair asked Commissioner Scott, who has already attended the program, to offer a recap of her experience.

Motion (made by Demetria Scott, seconded by Nea Maloo) **To allow one commissioner to submit an application to attend the Maryland Equity & Inclusion Leadership Program at University of Baltimore. Abstain: Nea Maloo. Motion carried.**

Comments from Counsel

- The Commission will be going into closed session at the next meeting.

Comments from Chair

- The Commission is in need of a consumer member. Danielle Anderson suggested posting the advertisement in the newsletter of other boards and commissions.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Commissioner Horgan states they have had complaints about and requests to update the disclosure/disclaimer form.

Motion (made by Demetria Scott, seconded by Sandy Olson) **To allow the legislative committee to draft updated language to question #9, expanding the question to include holding tanks. Motion carried.**

- The next request from Commissioner Horgan is to update other parts of the disclosure/disclaimer form. She would like to create a task force to review the entire form as a whole.
- Counsel recommends legislative committee, at its next meeting, to make a list of issues they believe the form has and to vote on changes to the form at next month's meeting.

Motion (made by Donna Horgan, seconded by Nea Maloo) **To create a task force to review/revise the disclaimer/disclosure form. Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 A.M. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED _____

Anne Cooke, Chairperson

APPROVED AS AMENDED _____

Anne Cooke, Chairperson