

Charleston WV, Immediate Release // The West Virginia Real Estate Commission (WVREC) today announced its Executive Director, Jerry Forren, will retire on May 1, 2023. The Commission has appointed Education Director, Dr. Keri Ferro as their next Executive Director.

"With Jerry's leadership over the past 7 years, the West Virginia Real Estate Commission has successfully navigated through the most unprecedented challenges that state government has ever faced, said Robert Kennen, Commission Chairman. " We are grateful for the steady leadership and experience that Jerry brought to the Commission. His ongoing guidance through this transition period will be an asset to the Commission as we work through this time of change."

"Since taking over the executive position in 2016, Jerry has been a visionary and trusted leader, whose acumen built an organization that has transformed the way the West Virginia Real Estate Commission conducts business," said Steve Walker, Deputy Chairman.

During his tenure, Forren was responsible for modernizing every aspect of the WVREC. The past 7 years have seen the Commission move from a paper-based renewal process to state-of-the-art online systems that allow most all business to be conducted over the internet. Forren is leaving behind a deep bench of talented individuals that include Dr. Keri Ferro, incoming Executive Director, Auditor/Investigators Robert Plume and Johnnie Wamsley, Education Coordinator, Lindsey Ridener and License Specialist, Courtney Murphy.

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The West Virginia Real Estate Commission is tasked with Protecting the Public and regulating Real Estate Brokerage in West Virginia. To learn more, visit [rec.wv.gov](http://rec.wv.gov).