MEETING

WEST VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 300 CAPITOL STREET, SUITE 400 CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25301

February 17, 2021

The Commission met in regular session, on February 17, 2021 via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Robert D. Kennen, Chairman
James S. Walker, Vice Chairman
Robert Wright II, Secretary
Joseph Bevil, Commissioner
Margaret Bartles, Commissioner
Jerry A. Forren, Executive Director
Robert W. Rucker, Investigator
Heather N. Casdorph, Investigator
Anthony D. Eates, Counsel
Nedka Dineva, Education Director

The minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting were approved, by motion made by Commissioner Wright and passed.

Appearances

Broker William Melton appeared via Zoom and answered questions related to the closing of Infinity realty, LLC. Misty Eskew, scheduled to attend, did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Walker moved to enter executive session to consider matters described in WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (4), (6) and/or (7); and passed.

Commissioner Bevil moved to return to regular session; and passed.

BROKER APPLICANTS

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the application, for broker license of Sarah Lynn Dean, of Fairmont, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application, for broker license of Robert Lee Strasser, of Wheeling, WV; and passed.

APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Paul Andrew Price, of Winchester, VA; and passed.

Commissioner Bartles moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Janine S. Oddis, of Harpers Ferry, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Letha Rae Allman, of Rupert, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Justin Michael Walbert, of Pittsburgh, PA; and passed.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application pending verification of requested information, for salesperson license, of Olivia L. Stanley, of Charleston, WV; and passed.

OTHER LICENSURE- RELATED ISSUES

None

COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATIONS

Relating to Complaint C-20-016, No action taken.

Relating to Complaint C-21-005, Commissioner Wright moved to un-table and to find no probable cause; and passed.

Relating to Complaint C-21-017, Commissioner Walker moved to find probable cause; and passed.

Relating to Complaint C-21-018, Commissioner Walker moved to find probable cause; and passed.

Relating to Complaint C-21-019, Commissioner Bartles moved to find no probable cause; and passed.

Relating to Complaint L-21-020, Commissioner Walker moved to find no probable cause; and passed.

Relating to Complaint C-21-022, No action taken.

Relating to All Services Realty, Commissioner Wright moved to initiate a complaint; and passed.

Relating to William Melton and Mist Eskew, Commissioner Wright moved to initiate a complaint with summary suspension order against Misty Dawn Eskew; and passed.

REPORTS

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Forren presented his report with updates on the following; an update on the resignation of Stephanie Lester and the status of hiring a replacement, the new phone system that was installed earlier this month and the status of the rules hearing coming up on February 18, 2021. All guestions and concerns were addressed.

Broker Audit

The Broker Audit was presented by Heather Casdorph and she briefed the Commission on the new Virtual Audits that have been started this month. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Budget/Financial

Executive Director Forren reviewed the year-to-date financials, as budgeted. All questions and concerns were addressed. Commissioner Wright moved to accept the report; and passed.

Settlement / Compliance Report

Executive Director Forren briefed the Commission on the Signed Consent Order for C-21-006.

Education Report

All continuing education CE's were approved. The New Licensee report was reviewed. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Legislative Report

Executive Director Forren briefed the Commission on all bills currently in process that may have an impact on the Real Estate Commission. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Personnel Matters

The Executive Directors Annual Review was moved to the March, 2021 agenda.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

New Business

Distance Education/CE – After much discussion, the Commission voted to suspend the requirement for ARELLO certification of synchronous distance education courses. The suspension will be valid until July 1, 2021 and applies only to approved in-class continuing education courses.

Old Business / Ongoing Projects

Reciprocity Agreement with Kentucky – Education Director briefed the Commission on the status of the agreement.

POLICIES, PRACTICES AND RULE CHANGES

None

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES

Per Diem payments were reported by the Commissioners as follows:

Robert D. Kennen	3 days
James S. Walker	2 days
Bob Wright	2 days
Joe Bevil	3 days
Margaret Bartles	3 days

The next meeting of the Real Estate Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2020.

Commissioner Bartles made a motion to adjourn; and passed.

APPROVED: 3-17-2001

Robert & Kenner

Chairman

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Secretary