

MEETING

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

January 18, 2023

The Commission met in regular session, on January 18, 2023. 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
Rob Plume, Investigator
Anthony Eates, Legal Counsel
Keri Ferro, Education Director

The minutes from the December 13 and 14, 2022 meetings were approved by motion made by Commissioner Wright and passed.

Commissioner Bartles 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.

Commissioner Wright asked that the passing of long-time broker June Williams be included in the official minutes; and approved.

Appearances

None

BROKER APPLICANTS

Commissioner Walker moved to table the application, for broker license, of Brandon Hicks, of Princeton, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Bartles moved to approve the application, for broker license, of Shelly Stearns, of Falling Waters, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application, for broker license, of Katelyn Morgan Garten, of Jane Lew, WV; and passed.

Commissioner Bevil moved to approve the application, for broker license, of Brian Lynn Richards, of Falling Waters, WV; and passed.

APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Bevil moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Daniel Harrod Hines, of Radford, VA; and passed.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Tavita Sikaleti Fehoko, of Wheeling, WV; and passed with Commissioner Kennen recused.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve the application, for salesperson license, of Mark A. Graves, of Charles Town, WV; and passed with Commissioner Bartles recused.

OTHER LICENSURE- RELATED ISSUES

None

COMPLAINTS & INVESTIGATIONS

Relating to the Complaint P-23-015, Commissioner Wright moved to find no probable cause; and passed.

Relating to the Complaint P-23-016, Commissioner Bevil moved to find no probable cause; and passed.

Relating to the Complaint P-23-017, Commissioner Walker moved to find probable cause; and passed.

Relating to the Updates, Commissioner Wright moved to initiate a complaint against Rachel Riddle and Joshua Michael Conaway, First Property Solutions; and passed.

REPORTS

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Forren briefed the Commissioners on the following: the annual financial disclosures are due; An update on the upcoming legislative session and SB 248 and 249; beginning to work on updates to the rules and vacation time. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Broker Audit

The Broker Audits were presented. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Budget/Financial

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

Settlement / Compliance Report

None

Education Report

Education Director Ferro updated the Commissioners on the status of CE Broker, PSI and Pearson; all reports were reviewed; a testing blackout from 12-15-2022 through 1-4-2023 to switch vendors; and updates for software changes to our website and databases we discussed. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Legislative Report

None

Personnel Matters

Johnnie Wamsley has been hired as Investigator/auditor and will begin work on February 13.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

New Business

None

Old Business / Ongoing Projects

None

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	3 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, February 22, 2023.

Commissioner Bartles made a motion to adjourn; and passed.

APPROVED:

2-22-23

Robert W. Kemler

Chairman

Robert Z Wright IV

Secretary