

MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
500 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Mission: Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public
through examination, licensing, and regulatory activities regarding real estate

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2016

Highlights from the meeting:

- Discussion of Fee Reductions

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anne Cooke (Industry)
Commissioner Karen Baker (Consumer)*
Commissioner Marla Johnson (Industry)*
Commissioner Jeff Wright (Industry)*
Commissioner Robin Pirtle (Consumer)*
Commissioner J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Chair (Industry)*
Commissioner James Reeder (Consumer)*
Eric London, AAG
Katherine F. Connelly, Executive Director, Session Recorder

*Attended Telephonically

ABSENT:

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Anne S. Cooke, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Katherine F. Connelly

The meeting was called to review two licensing fees that are charged by the Real Estate Commission. The first is the \$25 duplicate license fee. This fee is charged when someone loses or misplaces their license and requests the commission to replace it. The second fee is the Reactivation fee. When someone places their license on inactive status with the Commission, but then chooses to reactivate their license with a broker, there is a fee of \$50 charged to do the reactivation.

Based on the Governor's request, the Commission has looked at these two fees and whether the Commission can reduce those fees and still meet its budget requirements. After reviewing the budget and the activity involving these two fees, I have found that a reduction in the reactivation fee from \$50 to \$25.00 would not harm the fiscal integrity of the Commission. In addition, we believe the elimination of the \$25.00 duplicate licensee would also not harm the integrity of the Commission's fiscal position.

Ms. Connelly asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions or comments regarding these changes to the licensing fees. There being no questions, Ms. Connelly asked for a motion for each fee change.

Anne Cooke, Vice Chairman, made a motion to reduce the reactivation fee for a licensee from \$50 to \$25.00. A vote was asked for and given by each member of the Commission and it was a unanimous approval of the Motion.

Anne Cooke, Vice Chairman, made a motion to eliminate the duplicate license fee of \$25.00 and to no longer charge for a duplicate license. A vote was asked for and given by each member of the Commission and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED _____
Anne S. Cooke, Vice Chairperson

APPROVED AS AMENDED _____
J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Chairperson

