DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING MARYLAND REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 100 S. CHARLES STREET, TOWER 1 BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Maryland Real Estate Commission Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

DATE: **June 18, 2025**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: 100 S. Charles Street

Tower 1

Baltimore, MD 21201

(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nea Maloo, Commissioner
Hope Mims, Commissioner
Sandy Olson, Commissioner
Demetria Scott, Commissioner
Kambon Williams, Commissioner

Joe Wilson, Commissioner

Jackie Alexander, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean-Jacques Ellong, Commissioner

Roxanne Alston, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Pambianco, Assistant Attorney General

Scott Lederer, Executive Director

Tenensia Stanley, Assistant to the Executive Director

Lucinda Rezek, Paralegal

Christopher Morton, Paralegal

Allison Simpson, Education Assistant

Tia Wright, *Licensing Specialist* Kathie Connelly, *Consultant*

Kathle Connelly, Consultant

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PUBLIC PRESENT:

Jamey Parker

Greg Fisk

Marie Lagos

Brenda Kasuva, MREEA

Christa McGee, Maryland Realtors

Veronica Rolocut

Bob Pettis

Emily Timblin

Tamekia Martin

Roll Call/Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Lederer called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

Nominations and Election of Chair Pro-Temp

- Mr. Lederer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair Pro Temp.
- Commissioner Olson nominated Commissioner Scott for the position.
- No additional nominations were made.
- Commissioner Scott was elected by acclamation as Chair Pro Temp and assumed the role.

Nominations and Election of Chair

- Chair Scott called for nominations to be opened for the position of Chair.
- Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Maloo, nominated Commissioner Scott for Chair.
- No other nominations were received.
- Commissioner Scott was elected by acclamation as Chair and assumed the position.

Approval of Report of Complaints/Administrative Dismissals for June

Motion (made by Commissioner Maloo, seconded by Commissioner Mims) **to** approve the Administrative Dismissals for June 2025.

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Olson) to approve the May 21, 2025, Business Meeting minutes without corrections.

No discussion.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Education - Commissioner Scott, Chair

 Commissioner Scott presented the exam results for May. A total of 281 passed the exam.

<u>Legislative</u> –

• A Chair for the Legislative Committee will be selected by the next meeting.

Comments from Executive Director Lederer

- Mr. Lederer welcomed Joe Wilson (Industry Member from Eastern Shore) and Roxanne Alston (Consumer Member).
- Mr. Lederer reviewed the Regulatory proposals submitted for:
 - CE Late fee clarification and fee (\$75)
 - CE Course Approval fee (\$50)
 - Broker Supervision CE hours reduced to 1.5 hours
- As of May 2025, active license counts are:
 - 3,975 Brokers
 - o 3,058 Associate Brokers
 - o 37,808 Salespersons
 - o 196 Reciprocal Broker
 - 85 Reciprocal Associate Broker
 - 906 Reciprocal Salesperson
 - Total license count: 46.028
- Mr. Lederer reminded the Committee that the ARELLO Conference is scheduled for September 9–12.

Comments from Counsel Robert Pambianco

- Counsel congratulated Commissioner Scott on her new position as Chair.
- Counsel welcomed Commissioner Wilson to the Commission.
- Counsel provided an update on the Land Records Fee.

Comments from Chair Scott

No comments from the Chair.

Old Business

• There was no old business.

New Business

• There was no new business.

Public Comment

- Christa McGee
 - Ms. McGee congratulated Commissioner Scott and welcomed Commissioner Wilson.
 - She thanked Mr. Lederer for his article in the *Maryland REALTOR*® magazine.
 - Ms. McGee invited the Commissioners to the annual Community Canvas event on June 25th.
 - Ms. McGee inquired about updates to West Virginia laws regarding office space requirements and how they relate to Maryland laws.
 - It was noted that there are currently no changes to Maryland laws.

Brenda Kasuva

- Ms. Kasuva congratulated Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Wilson
- She invited the Commissioners to attend the MREEA meeting on July 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- Ms. Kasuva requested an update on the changes to Continuing Education (CE) courses set to take effect on October 1, 2025.

Bob Pettis

- Mr. Pettis congratulated Commissioner Scott and welcomed Commissioner Wilson.
- He inquired about House Bill 972 and requested clarification on the 30-day Continuing Education (CE) completion requirement.

Commissioners Comment

- Hope Mims, Commissioner
 - Commissioner Mims congratulated Commissioner Scott and welcomed Commissioner Wilson.
 - Commissioner Mims informed the Commission about the rising number of squatters in vacant homes.
 - The Chair provided an update on the issue and reminded agents not to share lockbox codes, recommending the use of electronic lockboxes instead.

- Sandy Olson, Commissioner
 - Commissioner Olson reminded all agents to regularly check on vacant properties.

Executive Director Comment

- Scott Lederer, Executive Director
 - Mr. Lederer announced the approval of the Commission Check
 - He noted that the drafting of the newsletter is currently underway.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Mims).

Motion carried.

The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED ____SIGNATURE ON FILE____

Demetria Scott, Chairperson