

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
December 15, 2021 10:30 a.m.
(held via Google Meet)

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anne Cooke (Industry)
Commissioner Marla Johnson (Industry)
Commissioner Donna Horgan (Industry)
Commissioner Michael Lord (Consumer)
Commissioner Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer (Industry)
Charlene Faison, Education Director, Session Recorder
Commissioner Kambon Williams (Consumer)
Michael Kasnic, Executive Director
Jessica Praley, AAG

ABSENT:

Commissioner Michelle Wilson (Consumer)
Commissioner Demetria Scott (Industry)

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathie Connelly, Broker
Susan Mitchell, MR
Brenda Kasuva, MREEA
Matthew Peterson, Coldwell Banker
Joe Driver, Re/Max Advantage Realty
Alex Ortiz
Barbara Maloney, Instructor

CALL TO ORDER:

Anne Cooke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

REPORT OF COMPLAINTS/ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

Motion (made by Marla Johnson, seconded by Michael Lord) **To approve the Administrative Dismissals for the month of December. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion (made by Michael Lord, seconded by Donna Horgan) **To approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 business meeting.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Education and Legislative – Demetria Scott, Chair, both committees
 - Commissioner Scott is absent today.
 - Commissioner Spencer-Bottoms informs all love letters are being worked on. Commissioner Horgan adds coming soon and septic failure topics are also being discussed.
 - Commissioner Williams gives briefing on what the wholesaling task force is working on.

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Michael Kasnic

- In Commissioner Scott's absence, Mr. Kasnic shares exam stats.
- Agencies at 500 N. Calvert Street will be moving to 1100 N. Eutaw Street. In the interest of ensuring all goes well, we will have our January meeting at the N. Calvert Street location since our move is scheduled for the day before the meeting.
- Next legislation and education committee meetings are January 27, 2022.
- Wholesaling task force will also have a meeting in January.
- Licensing staff – The department has three positions, however one is vacant. Staff are working on getting a temp until an official job posting can be made.
- Post Commission meeting is December 28, 2021.
- Current license count totals 48,757 of which 4,214 are brokers, 3,051 are associate brokers and 40,697 are salespersons, 163 are reciprocal brokers, 66 are reciprocal associate brokers, and 566 are reciprocal salesperson. Inactive total was not reported. There are 772 branch offices. Pre & Post-COVID licensing statistics shared.
- The guaranty fund has a new high of \$1,183,037 and is showing steady growth.
- Complaints have shown a slight easing this month with 50 filed; projected year end is 873 which is a new high over last 10 years and double what was had in 2013.

COMMENTS FROM COUNSEL: Jessica Praley, AAG

- Formatting corrections had to be made to the one-click. It will be posted this Friday. Still scheduled to be voted on during the January meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR: Anne Cooke

- Chair Cooke sat in on the wholesaling task force meeting and is thoroughly impressed with the work of the Commissioners on all task forces.
- Wished all a happy holiday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Susan Mitchell, MR – Nothing new to report since last meeting; MR continues to track a few issues. Asked question about the scheduling of Supervision Train the Trainer classes. Advised Commissioner Scott plans to present the slides in January and start training in February.
- Commissioner Williams asks if MR has any information on wholesaling they would like to share with the task force.
- Commissioner Spencer-Bottoms asks for clarification from Commissioner Horgan on the septic issue she mentioned earlier in the meeting. Chair Cooke, clarifies the topic.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED _____
Anne Cooke, Chairperson

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