

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
June 15, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Highlights from the meeting:

- Current license count is 41,308
- Elections for Chair and Co-Chair held
- Agency training scheduled to take place at MAR meeting in September

PRESENT:

Commissioner J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Chair (Industry)
Commissioner Karen Baker (Consumer)
Commissioner Marla Johnson (Industry)
Commissioner James Reeder (Consumer)
Commissioner Jeff Wright (Industry)
Commissioner Robin Pirtle (Consumer)
Commissioner Anne Cooke (Industry)
Brian Weeks, AAG
Katherine F. Connelly, Executive Director
Charlene Faison, Education Administrator, Session Recorder

ABSENT:

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Feinroth, MAR
Robert Johnston, AACAR

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion (made by Anne Cooke, seconded by Karen Baker) **To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2016 business meeting. Unanimous approval.**

REPORT OF COMPLAINTS/ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSALS:

Motion (made by Marla Johnson, seconded by Jeff Wright) **To approve all but two of the Administrative Dismissals for the month of June 2016. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Education – Jeff Wright

- For the month of May 2016 PSI administered 1033 salesperson and 60 broker exams, compared to 993 salesperson and 48 broker exams in May 2015.

2. Legislative – Marla Johnson, Legislative Chair

- No comments from Commissioner Johnson.
- Mark Feinroth, MAR, was asked to obtain information regarding how agents can find info about the water/sewer front foot fee so they're knowledgeable and can inform their client. The question was raised of how does the real estate agent know if the seller doesn't disclose this info? Mr. Feinroth agreed to research and provide an update at the July business meeting.
- Brian Weeks, AAG, informs Commission that list of department bills are due to DLLR Commissioner Wilkins today. One pertinent bill will close the loophole for inactive and expired licenses.

COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Katherine F. Connelly

1. Current license count totals 41,308, of which 4,352 are brokers, 3,036 are associate brokers, 32,965 salespersons. Of the total count, 1,596 are inactive.
2. Guaranty Fund Balance not available.
3. Currently interviewing candidates for the Assistant Executive Director position.
4. Responses to the position for Licensing Supervisor yielded over 130 qualified persons; this needs to be narrowed down to about five candidates to interview. Position may be filled by October.
5. Ms. Connelly went to the REAA conference in Denver.
6. ARELLO meeting is coming up in Vancouver in September; Ms. Connelly needs confirmation from Commissioners if they're interested in attending.
7. Agency Task Force has met. Minor changes were made to the outline. The next meeting for the task force is August 30. There will be a train-the-trainer session held at the MAR meeting in September.
8. Ms. Connelly has talked to GBBR and MAR to obtain additional space to be able to offer the course.
9. Ms. Connelly was at the MAR meeting on this past Monday and gave update on the MREC.

COMMENTS FROM COUNSEL: Brian Weeks

1. Mr. Weeks has drafted a response to an approved provider's concern about final exam proctoring.
2. The two new regulations discussed last month have been put on hold due to the need to review and update laws and regulations that need repealing or updating.

COMMENTS FROM CHAIR: J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia

- Chair D'Ambrosia recently attended the MAR Board of Directors meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Chair received from the floor. **Motion** (made by Marla Johnson, seconded by Jeff Wright) **For J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia to continue as Chair. Motion carried.**
- Nominations for Vice-Chair received from the floor. **Motion** (made by Karen Baker, seconded by Marla Johnson) **to nominate Anne Cooke as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

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

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J. Nicholas D'Ambrosia, Chairperson