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**Maryland Real Estate Commission**  
**Business Meeting**  
*Meeting Minutes*

DATE: November 15, 2023

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
*(Teleconference via Google Meet)*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Demetria Scott, *Commissioner*  
Donna Horgan, *Commissioner*  
Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer, *Commissioner*  
Nea Maloo, *Commissioner*  
Michael Lord, *Commissioner*  
Michael Thomas, *Commissioner*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandy Olson, *Commissioner*  
Kambon Williams, *Commissioner*  
Jean-Jacques Ellong, *Commissioner*

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Pambianco, *AAG*  
Raquel Meyers, *Interim Executive Director*  
Charlene Faison, *Education Director*  
John Dove, *Commissioner, Dept. of Labor*  
Jillian Lord, Ph.D., *Asst. Executive Director*

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Christina McGee, *Maryland Realtors*  
Brenda Kasuva, *MREEA*  
Kathie Connelly, *Broker*

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Bob Pettis, Instructor  
Monica Stewart  
Marie McFarland, Instructor  
Jennifer League, GBBR  
Stephanie Gones, The CE Shop  
Mahdi Naha  
David Politzer, Broker

### Roll Call/Quorum Announced and Meeting Called to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M.

### Approval of Report of Complaints/Administrative Dismissals

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

### Approval of Minutes

**Motion** (made by Michael Lord, seconded by Michael Thomas) **To approve the minutes, of the October 18, 2023 business meeting. Motion carried.**

### Committee Reports

#### Education – Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer, Chair

- For the month of October 2022, PSI administered 918 salesperson and 97 broker exams, compared to 807 salesperson and 53 broker exams in October 2023.
- Commissioner Bottoms-Spencer defines the term “licensee” as opposed to “Realtor®”. She also defined brokerage services.
- Announcement made that any meetings for November and December have been suspended. Committee meetings will commence again after the new year.

#### Legislative – Donna Horgan, Chair

- Radon legislation continues to be a priority.
- Work is still being done on background checks and fingerprinting. Commission is hoping to speak with representatives from other states and get their input on the subject.
- Wholesaling continues to be a topic of discussion; commercial real estate too.
- Mr. Michael Kasnic’s departure from the agency was announced. Chair Horgan thanked him for his service and notes it was a pleasure to work with him and he will be missed.
- Mrs. Raquel Meyers was introduced as the Interim Executive Director.

### Comments from Executive Director

- Mrs. Meyers shared HB245, from Massachusetts, and gave a recap of the bill for review.
- An article was shared from Yahoo Finance for informational purposes only.

- The Commission's recommendation for a fee increase was submitted this past Friday. The next step is to have it published in the Maryland Register for public comment.
- Mrs. Meyers mentioned the informational slides that contained the most recent license and complaint count as well the current guaranty fund amount, shared with commissioners via email prior to the meeting.
- ARELLO/NAR joint meeting is this coming Thursday.
- MREEA will have an instructor development event on December 12, 2023 from 1 PM to 5 PM that Ms. Meyers will be attending.

### Comments from Counsel

- Robert Pambianco is getting to know Mrs. Meyers and looking forward to working with her.
- Continues to work with Commissioner Scott on the commercial agency outline.

### Comments from Chair

- The Commission has a lot of its plate to tackle.
- NAR has a lawsuit. Chair would like for Christa McGee, MR, to provide comment on it during the public comment portion of the meeting.

### Old Business

- Charlene Faison, Education Director, mentioned the business meeting dates for 2024 was shared last month but the June 2024 date falls on a holiday so it needs to be rescheduled.

### New Business

- None.

### Public Comment

- MREA had several comments
  - Thanked Mr. Kasnic and wish him well.
  - Welcomed Mrs. Meyers.
  - Requested a copy of the slides Mrs. Meyers shared with commissioners via email.
  - Would like to know when training will happen for the MREC Agency – Commercial course. Commissioner Scott provided an update on the subject.
  - BRAD for Sellers course – MREEA would like to know where the commission is on that course. It was reiterated that discussions would not resume until after January 1, 2024.

Chair Horgan announced that the Commission will be moving to closed session to receive legal information from counsel. The Commission is allowed to receive the information in closed session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article.

**Motion** (made by Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer, seconded by Michael Thomas) **To close meeting and move to closed session to obtain advice from legal counsel. Members in favor:** Demetria Scott, Donna Horgan, Jacinta Bottoms-Spencer, Michael Lord, Micahel Thomas and Nea Maloo; **Opposed:** NONE; **Abstaining:** NONE; **Absent:** Kambon Williams, Sandy Olson, and Jean-Jacques Ellong **Motion carried.**

Public session ended at 11:01 A.M.

**CLOSED SESSION** (held virtually via Google Meet) started at 11:03 A.M. and ended at 11:53 A.M. The purpose of the closed meeting was to receive legal information from counsel, pursuant to Md. Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(7). No issues required a vote.

Public session resumed at 12:24 P.M.

Christa McGee, MR, advised legislation will be put forth to require all continuing education to be completed thirty (30) days prior to the license expiration date.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M. The next monthly business meeting is Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

APPROVED AS PRESENTED \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Horgan, Chairperson

APPROVED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Horgan, Chairperson