



# **Real Estate Commission**

**Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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This meeting was held remotely, with a designated physical location at OPR for those wishing to use State equipment, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314. Commissioners and OPR staff participated remotely.

## **Minutes**

**Thursday September 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Alex Farrell, Kathleen Holmes, Paul Harsch, Paige Farrington, and Mikail Stein

**Members Absent:** John Marchica

**OPR Staff Present:** Gabe Gillman, Dylan Bruce and Judith Roy

1. **Called to Order at 9:32**
2. **No changes to the agenda**
3. **Approved August 26, 2021 minutes**

Paul Harsch moved to approve the minutes. Paige Farrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

4. **Disciplinary Matters – 9:30 am**

- a. 2021-36 – Christine Crowe – Default Hearing

Paul Harsch moved to approve the Default Order. Kathleen Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention

5. **Topics for Discussion**

- a. Regulating for Commercial Brokerage – Where to recognize special characteristics of commercial brokerage?

This topic was briefly discussed by public participants as well as Board members and all were encouraged to submit comments in writing

- b. Form Oversight & Waivers--Are sweeping waivers of rights to judicial remedies compatible with consumer protection?

This topic was discussed at length by public participants as well as Board members and all were encouraged to submit comments in writing

- c. Informing Consumers about Conduct Enforcement--How can we improve awareness of what the disciplinary process does and does not offer?

This topic was discussed at length by public participants as well as Board members and all were encouraged to submit comments in writing

- d. Election of officers

Paige Farrington moved to elect Alex Farrell as chair. Mikail Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Alex Farrell moved to elect Mikail Stain as vice chair. Kathleen Holmes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Holmes moved to elect Paige Farrington as secretary. Paul Harsch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Other Business**

Kathleen Holmes suggested that we may want to add VAR to the consumer disclosure along with OPR since VAR does ethic complaints. The office will discuss further with VAR.

**7. Public Comment**

Randall Mayhew asked the office when education providers can start giving live courses again. Gabe Gillman responded by asking Mr. Mayhew to go to the Vermont Department of Health for information on gatherings. This office does not have any jurisdiction over this.

**8. Adjourned at 11:59**

Paul Harsch moved to adjourn. Kathleen Holmes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, October 28, 2021  
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