

Office of Professional Regulation
Real Estate Commission
Corner of State and Main in the City Center
89 Main Street
3rd Floor
Montpelier, VT 05602

Minutes

September 26, 2013 – 9:00 AM

Commission Members and Staff Present: Gloria Rice, Claire Porter, Michelle Gosselin, David Raphael, Maretta Hostetler, Colin Benjamin, Judith Griffen and Peter Comart

Commission members absent: Mark Thibeault and Thomas Prindiville

Public members Present: Justin Rice, Helen Hossley, Lori Pinard, Liz Merrill and Aleda Dutton.

1. **8:30 - Education Committee**
2. **9:00 - Full Commission Meeting – Called to Order at 9:06**
3. **9:05 - Approved August 22, 2013 minutes**
4. **9:10 - David Raphael introduced OPR's new Licensing Administrator, Peter Comart**
5. **9:15 - Case Manager's Report – C. Preston**

There are eighty-nine (89) open cases at this time. Seventeen (17) have been recommended for closing, Seventeen (17) are pending I-Team, seven (7) are awaiting a response, eleven (11) are in the intake process, twenty-one (21) are under investigation, six (6) are pending charges, five (5) are pending hearings and five (5) of them have charges filed.

6. **9:30 - Election of Officers - C. Benjamin**
There was a motion to nominate the current slate of offices as is. The motion was seconded. All present were in favor. The motion passed.
7. **9:35 - Closing Reports:**
 - a. 2013-372 and 213-373 - approved
 - b. 2012 423 and 2012-424 – approved
8. **9:45 - Old Business:**
 - a. Administrative Rules went into effect on September 1, 2013. All licensees were notified and the tests were updated for the new changes.
 - b. David Raphael went to the Vermont Realtors Symposium and spoke in the break out sessions regarding the new rules and the affect of the office name changes.
 - c. OPR Bill was discussed briefly. Colin will be making some changes and bring that back to the board for review.
 - d. Agency Workgroup first meeting was in August the next will be held after this meeting toda. The workgroup will continue to meet until it is finished.
9. **10:15 - New Business:**

- a. Brokerage Firm Registered Name was discussed and the office will be working and guiding all licensees to come into compliance with the new rules. This will consist of screening complaints until all licensees and offices have had a chance to register with the correct name.
- b. David Raphael and Maretta Hostetler went to the ARELLO Conference. The conference talked about new trends and global view of real estate.

10. 10:30 – Disciplinary Action – Hearings/Dismissals/Stipulations:

- a. 2011-218 – Ronald Bouchard – Notice of Dismissal
- b. 2012-433 and 2012-434 Colliers International New England, LLC and Robert E. Cronin – Notice of Dismissal

11. 11:00 - Public Comment

12. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting – October 24, 2013

The "Agency Workgroup" will hold its meeting after the full Real Estate Commission meeting adjourns.

Courses for review

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