



Real Estate Commission

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Unapproved Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Members Present: Mikail Stein, Paul Harsch, Alex Farrell, Paige Farrington, Kathleen Holmes, John Marchica by phone
OPR Staff Present: Lauren Layman, Tara Grenier, and Judith Roy
Others Present: Teresa Merelman, Nicole Senecal and Betty McEnany

1. **9:35 Called to Order**
2. **No changes to the agenda**
3. **Approved July 25, 2019 minutes with amendment to remove “under appeal” from the end of the sentence on 8.g**
4. **Disciplinary Matters – none**
5. **Topics for Discussion**
 - a. Lauren Layman explained the new policy for Board officer elections, as described in a memorandum drafted by Gabriel Gilman.. After nominating officers, listening to the nominees, and casting initial votes (in accordance with the policy), Paul Harsch moved to elect Alex Farrell for Chair, Mikail Stein for Vice Chair and Kathleen Holmes for Secretary. Paige Farrington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. There was a discussion of the new education program criteria policy and guidance brought to the board for review. Members of the public expressed concerns that courses concerning software were considered “subject matter that is not acceptable” under the policy, particularly because the MLS service offers courses regarding the use of MLS software. It was suggested that the policy be amended by adding the word “generally” to the statement “subject matter that is not acceptable” so that the policy reads as follows: “*Subject matter that is generally not acceptable includes, but is not limited to:...*” Paul Harsch moved to approve the policy as amended. Alex Farrell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Dylan Bruce, OPR Senior Policy Analyst, discussed the Chapter 57: Review of Regulatory Laws and his process for this regulatory review. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the regulatory review process. Dylan asked the Commission to provide suggested data and evidentiary sources, as well as to review the current regulations for needed changes. The Commission was encouraged to send questions and concerns to the Office.
6. **Administrative Updates**
7. **Education Review - none**
8. **Other Business – Old Business**

Tara Grenier provided an update on the exam contract. A simplified bid was put out to providers of the national exam which is still in process.
9. **Correspondence**
10. **Public Comment**
11. **Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**