



# **Real Estate Commission**

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

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## **Unapproved Minutes**

**Thursday April 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Mikail Stein, Paul Harsch, John Marchica, Linda White and Linda Retchin (ad hoc member)

Members absent: Samantha Lefebvre and Paige Farrington

OPR Staff Present: Judith Roy and Noura Eltabbakh

### **1. Call to Order at 9:33 am**

Welcomed new board member Linda White, who is our new broker member. The office also has a new non-realtor broker member, Katherine Riegelman, who will be joining us at our next meeting. The board is now complete and has no vacancies.

### **2. No changes to the agenda**

### **3. Approved February 22, 2024, Minutes**

John Marchica motioned to approve the Minutes. Linda Retchin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Discipline**

9:30 am

Christopher Lagerstedt – Case# 2023-158 – Default Hearing

Investigative Team member:

*Mikail Stein motioned to accept the default order as written. John Marchica seconded the motion. Paul Harsch recused himself. All participating members voted in favor of accepting the default order. The Board accepted the report, adopted the findings of fact and conclusions of law, and ordered the recommended discipline as set forth in the approved order.*

9:45 am

Roger Clarkson Realtors – Case# 2024-47 – Stipulation & Consent Order

Investigative Team member: Mikail Stein

*Paul Harsch motioned to accept the stipulation and consent order as written. John Marchica seconded the motion. Mikail Stein recused himself. All participating members voted in favor of approving the stipulation and consent order as presented. The Board accepted the stipulation and consent order as written.*

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## **5. Discussion Items**

- The Board discussed the potential impacts of the NAR settlement on practice in Vermont.

## **6. Education**

## **7. Public Comment**

Most public comments were regarding the NAR settlement.

Kathy Sweeten asked when the chapter 57 review would be completed. Noura explained that the Office is actively finalizing the report and that the NAR settlement has affected the report, so there is no exact date at this time.

Betty McEnaney pointed out that this would be a good time for the Commission to become an ARELLO participant again. This is a national issue, and they will have good guidance and information on it.

David Raphael directed individuals to visit the Facts.realtor website and discussed the information that is available on their website. Ken Libby added that it is updated all the time and to visit often.

## **8. Adjourned at 10:59 a.m**

Paul Harsch motioned to Adjourn. Linda Retchin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting following this one is June 27, 2024

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