



Real Estate Commission

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Minutes **March 22, 2018**

Commission and Office Members Present: David Raphael, Gloria Rice, Donna Murray, Joyce Cameron, Wendy Beach, Mikail Stein, Gabriel Gilman, Tara Grenier and Judith Roy **Others Present:** Randy Mayhew, Chad Jacobson, Nicole Senecal, Robin Jacobs, Lori Holt, Brian Armstrong, Katrina Delabruere, Meg McGovern, Marlene McCarty, Patric Flanagan, Mary Cohen, Claire Wallace, Peter Tucker, Kathleen Sweeten, Mark Mointoss, Betty McEnany and Teresa Merelman.

1. 9:30 Called to Order

2. Changes to the agenda

A request was made to add review of continuing education waiver request. The Office advised the underlying request was addressed as an ADA issue and approved, so agenda change is unnecessary.

3. Approved December 15, 2017 minutes with amendments

4. 9:45 Disciplinary Matters

a. 2018-1 *In re: Russell Ingalls* – Stipulation and Consent Order

Gloria Rice moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Joyce Cameron seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. 2017-785, 2017-786 and 2017-788 – *In re: Josiah Allen Real Estate, Laura Beckwith and Charles Mauro* – Stipulation and Consent Order

Wendy Beach moved to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Gloria Rice seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Topics for Discussion – New Business

- ##### **a. Colin Benjamin, OPR Director and the Commission had a lengthy discussion on the Secretary of State's recommendation to convert from board-based regulation to an advisor model. The Commission would like more time to review the differences between advisor and board regulation. The Office has agreed and this discussion item will be on future agendas.**

6. Administrative Updates

- ##### **a. The 2018 meeting dates are April 26, May 24, July 26, August 23, October 25 and December 7**
- ##### **b. Availability of licensing data will be added to the next meeting so the Office can give a demonstration to all interested.**

7. Education Review

- ##### **a. Commission reviewed the draft copy of the educational program criteria. Donna Murray moved to approve the program criteria, Gloria Rice seconded the motion. David Raphael amended the motion to approve the program criteria, with the technical and grammatical changes discussed. The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Other Business – Old Business

- a. David Raphael made a motion to authorize the creation of a rules workgroup and to authorize the Chair to include non-commission members. Gloria Rice seconded the motion. The motioned carried unanimously.
- b. 2018 initiatives and goals was tabled until the next meeting.
- c. OPR update on new public member appointment was brief. The Office appears to have a volunteer and will know more at the next meeting.
- d. Agenda items for the next meeting will include
 - Advisory model versus board model continued discussion
 - Workgroup committee update
 - Online Licensing system demo

9. Correspondence – None

10. Public Comment

Teresa Merelman expressed her disappointment in Vermont Realtors being put in the position of approving the model and wanted to remind the Office that many licensees are not VR members.

11. Adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday April 26, 2018
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