



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.

Unapproved Minutes

Thursday August 25, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Alex Farrell, Paul Harsch, Mikail Stein, John Marchica, and Paige Farrington

Members absent: Kathleen Holmes

OPR Staff Present: Cassandra Diederich and Judith Roy

- 1. Call to Order at 9:33**
- 2. No changes to the agenda**
- 3. Approved June 23, 2022, Minutes**

Paul Harsch made a motion to approve the minutes, Mikail Stein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion Items

- Four-hour mandatory course final outline was discussed. Paul Harsch made the motion to approve the outline submitted by Randy Mayhew with the following corrections: (1) Reverse sections one and three, so section one is three and section three is one. (2) The lengths of times will change and the new section one will be for 1.75 hours, and the new section three will be one hour in length. (3) Removal of number seven and nine in part three and to have the option to pick three of the seven topics instead of four. Paige Farrington seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- There was a lengthy conversation regarding Vermont sign law. Cassandra Diederich will draft a letter to send to the Travel Information Council requesting an interpretation of "on premises" for purposes of 10 V.S.A. section 493.

5. Public Comment

Teresa Merelman asked the office when the office will go back to in-person meetings. There was discussion on the benefits of remote meetings versus in person.

She also asked if the Office would consider giving some guidance on using teams. This is something that has been discussed before and will be a discussion in the future.

Betty McEnany spoke about taking the mandatory course twice in one renewal

period from different providers. This is not encouraged and was only allowed back when the Mandatory course did not have a specific name as is does now

6. Adjourned 11:15

Next regular meeting following this one is October 27, 2022

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