



Real Estate Commission

Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State

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Unapproved Minutes **Thursday, October 22, 2020**

This meeting was held by webinar; URL published in the agenda.

Members Present: Paul Harsch, Alex Farrell, Paige Farrington, Kathleen Holmes and Mikail Stein
Members Absent: John Marchica
OPR Staff Present: Gabe Gillman, Tara Grenier, and Judith Roy

1. 9:33 Called to Order

2. Changes to the agenda

- a. Added Chapter 57 review under old business
- b. Added Randy Mayhew course for review under education

3. Approval of minutes

Paul Harsch moved to approve both sets of minutes with an amendment to add the c in his last name. Paige Farrington seconded. The motion was unanimous.

- a. August 27, 2020
- b. September 24, 2020 – special meeting

4. Public Comment

- a. Betty McEnaney asked if her previous question about designated agency sent to the office would be addressed. Gabe Gilman said that it would be considered in the Chapter 57 review.

5. No Disciplinary Matters

6. Topics for Discussion

- a. Election of officers
Chair - Paul Harsch nominated Alex Farrell for Chair, Kathleen Holmes moved the nomination, Paul Harsch seconded. The motion was unanimous.
Vice Chair – Alex Farrell nominated Mikail Stein for Vice Chair, Kathleen Holmes moved the nomination, Paul Harsch seconded. The motion was unanimous.
Secretary – Paul Harsch nominated Paige Farrington for Secretary, Kathleen Holmes moved the nomination, Paul Harsch seconded. The motion was unanimous.
- b. Gabe Gilman gave an overview of Bill S233. The three main points were
 - 1. Criminal Convictions and the pre-approval process.
 - 2. Universal 3-year endorsement provision – This will also be on the next agenda for further discussion.
 - 3. Green Energy provision for continuing education.
- c. State exam administration and process – This was a two-part conversation.
 - 1. Tara Grenier asked the commission to consider allowing Office of Professional Regulation to administer the state exam. After discussion Paige Farrington moved for OPR to administer the state exam. Paul Harsch seconded. The motion was unanimous.

2. The second part of the exam question was if there should be a state exam for both sales and brokers. The Commission feels that is appropriate to have a state exam for both credentials and that will stay the same.

7. Administrative Updates

8. Education Review

Paul Harsch moved to approve the course for classroom and for webinar/go to meeting. Kathleen Holmes seconded. The motion was unanimous.

- a. 2020-2022 Renewal Cycle – Mandatory course for 4 hours through Randy Mayhew School of Real Estate

9. Other Business

- a. Dylan Bruce gave a quick summary of the Chapter 57 review. The office has received a 40% response from licensees and over 1700 responses from the consumers and public.

10. No Correspondence

11. Adjourned at 10:58

Next Scheduled Meeting – December 18, 2020
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