Halsey Beshears, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

Minutes of THE FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION October 16, 2019 General Workshop

October 16, 2019

Chair Patricia Fitzgerald called the meeting of the Florida Real Estate Commission to order at approximately 8:15 a.m., in Orlando, Florida, on this Wednesday, the 16th day of October, 2019.

Commissioners

Chair Patricia Fitzgerald Vice-Chair Patti Ketcham Dick Fryer Poul Hornsleth

Commissioners Sanchez and Schwartz were excused and not present.

Mr. Lawrence Harris, Senior Assistant Attorney General appeared as counsel for the Commission. Mr. Harris declared quorum present.

Staff

Katy McGinnis, Director
Lori Crawford, Executive Director
Janice Lugo, Operations Support Supervisor
Megan McAvoy, Regulatory Consultant
Giuvanna Corona, Regulatory Consultant
Chris Willenbring, Operation Review Specialist
Susan Bailey, Administrative Assistant III
Thomas Jones, Administrative Assistant II
Magnolia Court Reporting, Inc. (407) 896-1813 provided court services.

Other Attendees

Linda Crawford, Author, Dearborn Publishing Company
Karen Climer, Instructor, Demetree School of Real Estate
Marcia Tabak, Esquire, Deputy Legal Counsel, Florida Realtors
Jolita (Jo) Brazzano, Certified Distance Educator Instructor, Brazzano Real Estate and
Management and Real Estate Express
Wayne Hasse, Gold Coast Schools

Director Comments

Director McGinnis thanked the Commissioners for their service, efforts in streamlining the meeting to align with the Department's incentive.

General Workshop

Chair Fitzgerald stated the purpose of this workshop is to discuss rule development and recommendations to update Rule 61J2-3.008, Pre-Licensing Education for Broker and Sales Associate Applicants and Rule 61J2-3.009, Continuing Education for Active and Inactive Broker and Sales Associate Licensees.

Rule 61J2-3.008

The Commission discussed submitting a proposal to include language in Rule 61J2-3.008 to reflect guidelines for hybrid-delivery education. FREC Counsel Harris stated that the proposal would need language that supports why hybrid-delivery education using the current Classroom, Live-Stream and Distance standards would not comply with current rule provisions. The Commission received comments Ms. Linda Crawford, Ms. Brazzano and Ms. Tabak. After much discussion by the Commissioners, FREC Counsel and several of the attendees relating to alternative methods to monitor distance education. Ms. Crawford provided proposed language relating to a hybrid course for the Commission to consider.

After further discussion, Commissioner Hornsleth moved; seconded by Commissioner Fryer, to continue discussion relating the proposed language submitted by from Ms. Linda Crawford to a future workshop in regards to 61J2-3.008; the motion passed without dissent.

The Commission briefly discussed exploring timing mechanisms for pre-licensing distance education courses and the ability to monitor education course performance as provided within the statutory guidelines for discussion at a future meeting. The Commission received comments from members of the audience.

Discussion regarding Rule 61J2-3.009 was continued.

Director's Comments

Director McGinnis thanked the Commission for their hard work and stated that their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Adjournment

There being no other business and no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 12 p.m.

Patricia Fitzgerald, Chair

Florida Real Estate Commission

Lori Crawford, Executive Director

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