

Halsey Beshears, Secretary

Ron DeSantis, Governor

**Amended Minutes of
THE FLORIDA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
January 15, 2020
General Workshop**

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Vice-Chair Fryer called the meeting of the Florida Real Estate Commission to order at approximately 8:15 a.m., in Orlando, Florida, on this Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 2020.

Commissioners

Vice-Chair Dick Fryer
Patricia Fitzgerald
Poul Hornsleth
Guy Sanchez
Randy Schwartz

Chair Patti Ketcham was excused and not present.

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

Staff

Lori Crawford, Executive Director
Tom Thomas, Deputy General Counsel
Al Cheneler, Chief Counsel
Merribeth Bohanan, Deputy Chief Counsel
Giuvanna Corona, Regulatory Consultant
Alexandra Lee, Regulatory Specialist III
Jocelyn Pomales, Education Coordinator
Magnolia Court Reporting, Inc. (407) 896-1813 provided court services.

Other Attendees

John Greer, Bert Rodgers and Gold Coast School
Andy Brown, Climer School of Real Estate
Jolita (Jo) Brazzano, Certified Distance Educator Instructor, Brazzano Real Estate and Management and Real Estate Express
Karen Climer, Instructor, Demetree School of Real Estate
Toby Schifsky, Kaplan-Dearborn
Rosita Hernandez, Kaplan-Dearborn
Pamela Kemper, Azure Tide Realty
Linda Crawford, Author, Dearborn Publishing Company
Marcia Tabak, Florida Realtors
Juana Watkins, Florida Realtors

Vice-Chair Fryer stated the purpose of this workshop is to discuss rule development and recommendations to update Rule 61J2-20.009, Probable Cause Panel, 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 61J2-20.009

The Commission discussed the proposal to include language in Rule 61J2-20.009 delegating authority to the Department to close any case when there is no probable cause. Mr. Tom Thomas, Deputy General Counsel, and Mr. Al Cheneler, Chief Attorney, represented the Department. Vice-Chair Fryer opened the floor for public comment. After much discussion, Commissioner Schwartz moved, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald, not to adopt the suggested change to Rule 61J2-20.009. The motion passed without dissent.

Rule 61J2-3.008

The Commission discussed submitting a proposal to include language in Rule 61J2-3.008 to reflect guidelines for Hybrid education. The Commission received comments from Mr. John Greer, Mr. Andy Brown, Ms. Jolita Brazzano, Ms. Karen Climer, Mr. Toby Schifsky, Ms. Rosita Hernandez, Ms. Pamela Kemper and Ms. Linda Crawford. After much discussion by the Commissioners, FREC Counsel and several of the attendees relating to pre-licensure, continuing education rules, and criteria for course approval, Commissioner Schwartz moved, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to delete paragraph 2(d) of Rule 61J2-3.008 which reads: "The institution offering distance education courses must provide proof of certification of the delivery method by a third party independent certifying organization approved by the Commission." The motion passed without dissent.

Commissioner Hornsleth moved; seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, to continue the discussion of proposed language relating to paragraphs 2(c)1 and 2(c)2 of Rule 61J2-3.008 and Rule 61J2-3.009 to a future date; the motion passed without dissent. Furthermore, the Commission invited attendees to submit proposed language for review and consideration to the Education Coordinator, Ms. Jocelyn Pomales, prior to the next workshop.

Executive Director's Comments

Executive Director Crawford announced she accepted an opportunity with the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board and would no longer be serving as the Florida Real Estate Commission Executive Director. Ms. Crawford thanked current and former Commissioners, FREC Counsel, Mr. Larry Harris, former Director, Ms. Juana Watkins and the Department for their support. Ms. Crawford further thanked the Commission for their service and tireless efforts toward protecting the consumer and educating the public. The Commission and FREC Counsel thanked Ms. Crawford for her service and well-wishes in her new endeavors.

Adjournment

There being no other business and no objection, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dick Fryer, Vice-Chair
Florida Real Estate Commission



Lori Crawford, Executive Director
Florida Real Estate Commission