

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 17, 2009

The Louisiana Real Estate Commission held its regular business meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to regular call, of which all members of the Commission were duly notified, at which meeting the following members were present:

COMMISSION

Cynthia Stafford, Chairman
Judy Songy, Vice Chairman
Mike Bono, Secretary (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)
Paul Burns
Pat Caffery
Archie Carraway
Gretchen Ezernack
Tim Flavin
Jennifer Lanasa

STAFF

J. C. Willie, Executive Director
Arlene C. Edwards, Legal Counsel
Stephanie Boudreaux
Mark Gremillion
Ann Major
R. C. McCormick
Al Rowe
Nikki Senegal
Marsha Stafford

GUESTS

Norman Morris, LR
Jean Carraway

Keitha Avant and Frank Trapani, members, were not in attendance.

Commissioner Flavin gave the invocation; Commissioner Songy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ezernack made motion, seconded by Commissioner Songy, to approve the Minutes of Meeting of November 19, 2009, as written and circulated. Motion passed without opposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Agency Task Force - Commissioner Lanasa reported the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 16 was canceled. She thanked Stephanie Boudreaux for her diligence in formatting and publishing the Agency Disclosure Pamphlet. Lanasa also scheduled a meeting for January 13, 2010. Legal Counsel advised that proposed law changes need to be submitted no later than February 1, and advised task force to work within that time frame.

2. Budget - Commissioner Songy deferred report and questions to Al Rowe, Accountant. Mr. Rowe presented financial statements for period ending November 30, 2009, as printed.
3. Education/Research/Publication - no report.
4. Legislative/Legal/Timeshare - Commissioner Flavin apologized for being absent in November, and reported items being addressed by committee are as follows:
 - a) Fines;
 - b) Progress of Agency Work Group (reported by Commissioner Lanasa);
 - c) Electronic licensing has been implemented and appears to be a success;
 - d) Fingerprinting - ongoing. Update will be given at January meeting;
 - e) Advertising - Marsha Stafford will e-mail information she has compiled from other states; and
 - f) Broker responsibility - to be addressed at January meeting.

Flavin requested the committee meet on January 13, 2010.

5. Standardized Forms - Commissioner Ezernack reported the Agency Disclosure and Residential Agreement to Buy or Sell forms have been completed and will become effective January 1, 2010. The committee is still researching forms that can auto populate.
6. Strategic Planning - no report.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Willie reported he and Meredith Hathorn, bonding attorney, are still negotiating with three banks to conclude financing on the building. Proposals are anticipated next week.

Willie reported receipt of renewals are slower than last year at this time, but are still steady and of the renewals that have been received to date, 80 percent have been on-line.

Mr. Willie advised that he and several staff members met with State Police regarding fingerprinting, and legislation is being drafted, which will be referred to committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cynthia Stafford stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve as Chairman for 2009, and thanked commissioners, Mr. Willie and staff for their support and commitment during the year.

Likewise, speaking for herself, as well as for fellow commissioners, Commissioner Ezernack expressed appreciation to Stafford for her leadership in accomplishing many 2009 goals. Commissioner Flavin also expressed his gratitude to Stafford, and looks forward to working with Chairman-elect, Judy Songy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Lanasa requested the January meeting be moved from the 21st to the 14th due to a conflicting engagement for several commissioners. Request approved. Mr. Willie advised an adjudicatory hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at 1:30 p.m. Agency Group and Legislative Committee will meet Wednesday morning. Time to be determined by committee chairmen.

Judy Songy, Chairman-elect, appointed the following 2010 committee chairmen:

- Legislative/Legal/Timeshare - Tim Flavin/Paul Burns (co-chair)
- Education/Research/Publication - Frank Trapani
- Strategic Planning - Pat Caffery/Jennifer Lanasa (co-chair)
- Standardized Forms - Gretchen Ezernack/Archie Carraway (co-chair)
- Budget - Cynthia Stafford
- Agency Work Group - Jennifer Lanasa

Committee members to be selected by chairmen.

There being no further business, Commissioner Burns made motion, seconded by Commissioner Songy, to adjourn.

CYNTHIA STAFFORD, CHAIRMAN

MIKE BONO, SR., SECRETARY