

LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii
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MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Louis Abrams, Chair, Broker/Kauai Commissioner
Michele Sunahara Loudermilk, Vice Chair, Public/Honolulu Commissioner
Annette Aiona, Broker/Hawaii Commissioner
Carol Ball, Broker/Maui Commissioner
William Chee, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner
Stanley Kuriyama, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner
Trudy Nishihara, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner

Calvin Kimura, Supervising Executive Officer
Neil Fujitani, Executive Officer
Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist
Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist
Cheryl Leong, Condominium Specialist
David Grupen, Condominium Specialist
Lorene Kimura, Real Estate Specialist
Jay Paige, Deputy Attorney General
Irene Kotaka, Secretary

Others: None

Absent: Frances Gendrano, Salesperson/Honolulu Commissioner
Mark Suiso, Public/Honolulu Commissioner

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair's Report: No Chair's report was presented.

The Chair announced that the Commission may move into executive session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, and/or to consult with the Commission's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

SEO's Report:

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Upon a motion by Commissioner Nishihara, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2006 Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting.

2007 Real Estate Commission Meeting Schedule

A copy of the proposed meeting schedule for 2007 was distributed to the Commissioners for their information. The Commissioners were asked to inform staff if they are unable to attend any of the meetings listed.

Program of Work,
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Interactive Participation with Government Organizations

A copy of a letter from the University of Hawaii Foundation was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

In the past, the Commission has supported the University of Hawaii Foundation through the Hawaii Real Estate Research and Education Center ("HREREC") and the visiting Real Estate Chair's program. The Real Estate Research and Education Center was instrumental in helping the Commission to develop the continuing education courses and the Condominium Board of Directors Guides. The HREREC also assisted in evaluating the schools and instructors.

Neighbor Island Outreach

The next neighbor island outreach is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2007, in Maui, subject to room availability and quorum. REB staff will work with Commissioner Ball on the arrangements.

Licensing Renewal

The real estate license renewal deadline is November 30, 2006. An online discount was approved for all of the licenses except for branch offices. Those renewing their licenses online will receive at the least a \$30 discount, depending on the type of license being renewed.

Staff is working on concerns expressed by licensees regarding the online renewal and how more licensees can be accommodated online. One brokerage had requested that the online renewal process be streamlined to allow the company to renew all of its licensees at one time without having to enter each individual record.

Chair Abrams asked if notification could be simultaneously be emailed to principal brokers when their licensees renew online so that they know that their licensees have successfully renewed their license.

The SEO reported that some Commissioners and staff will be meeting with Promissor representatives to discuss streamlining the application process.

Renewal workshops are being planned for Honolulu and the neighbor islands. Information on the workshops will be posted on the Commission's website at:

www.hawaii.gov/hirec. Neighbor island workshops are being coordinated with the local boards. The Specialists' Office of the Day will be held in conjunction with the workshops.

Commissioners' Education Program

A copy of the August/September 2006 issue of OpenLine was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

Subcommittee on Agency and Other Related Issues

Subcommittee Chair Abrams reported that the Committee will be meeting this afternoon at 1 p.m. to discuss scenarios to be presented to the Education Evaluation Task Force for the core course.

He also reported that he had received a copy of the Canadian course materials and plans to share it with the members of the Consumer Broker Relationships Ad Hoc Committee ("CBRAHC").

Commissioner Chee recommended using real life scenarios and informing those attending the course that the situations were taken from real life.

<u>SEO's Report:</u>	The SEO introduced Jay Paige, Deputy Attorney General, who was attending the meeting in Shari Wong's place.
<u>ARELLO, Other Organizations and Jurisdictions:</u>	None.
<u>Special Issues:</u>	None.
<u>Open Forum:</u>	None.
<u>Budget and Finance Report:</u>	Upon a motion by Commissioner Nishihara, seconded by Commissioner Ball, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the budget and finance report of the Real Estate Recovery Fund, dated June 30, 2006.
<u>Next Meeting:</u>	Wednesday, November 8, 2006 9:00 a.m. Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room King Kalakaua Building 335 Merchant Street, First Floor Honolulu, Hawaii

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Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Calvin Kimura
Calvin Kimura
Supervising Executive Officer

November 8, 2006
Date

[] Approved as is.
[] Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.

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