

**LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii  
[www.hawaii.gov/hirec](http://www.hawaii.gov/hirec)

**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: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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  
Frances Gendrano, Vice Chair, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner  
Michele Sunahara Loudermilk, Public/Honolulu Commissioner  
Stanley Kuriyama, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner  
Carol Ball, Broker/Maui Commissioner  
Walt Harvey, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner

Neil Fujitani, Supervising Executive Officer  
Jon Ellis Pangilinan, Executive Officer  
Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist  
Amy Endo, Real Estate Specialist  
David Grupen, Real Estate Specialist  
Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist  
Cheryl Leong, Condominium Specialist  
Benedyne Stone, Condominium Specialist  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General  
Tammy Norton, Recording Secretary

Others: Pame Romano, Condominium Owner  
Aron Espinueva, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®

Absent: Annette Aiona, Broker/Hawaii Commissioner  
Trudy Nishihara, Broker/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: The Chair announced that the Committee may move into executive session 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.

Commissioners Aiona and Nishihara were excused from today's meeting. Prior notice of their non-attendance was received.

SEO's  
Report:

### **Certificate of Appreciation – DCCA Director Lawrence Reifurth**

It was announced that Director Lawrence Reifurth has been appointed to the Intermediate Court of Appeals. His last day with the Department will be March 11, 2010. Ron Boyer, Deputy Director has been appointed the Acting Director and Senior Hearings Officer Rod Maile will fill the position of Deputy Director.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gendrano, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, it was voted on and unanimously carried to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Director Lawrence Reifurth for his outstanding contributions in real estate.

### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gendrano, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2010, Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting as circulated.

Program of  
Work, FY10:

### **Legislative and Government Participation Report**

Legislative Report No. 2 was distributed to the Commissioners for their information. The SEO reported on the bills that were affecting the Commission as follows:

HB 2633 – Increasing the continuing education hours for real estate licensees from ten hours to twenty hours in a two-year period. The bill passed the House. The Senate companion bill includes a high school diploma requirement.

HB 2546 – Restoration Bill. The bill has passed both sides.

HB 1926 – Imposing a surcharge on fees charged by certain departments to fund the DBEDT Operation Special Fund. The bill is looking at tacking on an added surcharge of \$20 upon every fee charged by DCCA for applications, issuance, renewal, reissuance of license, permit, etc., which will affect real estate licensees, schools, providers, instructors, developers, associations, etc. The bill has crossed over to the Senate. DCCA has submitted testimony in opposition of this bill.

Aron Espinueva reported that in regards to SB 2602, HAR has met with the Senator who agreed to drop the high school diploma requirement. The bill is being transmitted to the Governor's office.

### **Division and Department Programs**

The following articles from the January 2010 issue of *Wai Halana* Hawaii Flood News were distributed for informational purposes: "Understanding the Importance of Letter of Map Changes," and "New Preliminary DFIRM for Oahu and Kauai Online."

ARELLO,  
Other  
Organizations And  
Jurisdictions:

**ArellloGram and Other Informational Reports**

The following were distributed for informational purposes: "Study Predicts the 'New Normal' Real Estate Market," "Housing in America: The Next Decade," and "Task Force to Study Social Media Issues."

**Professional Licensing Report**

The article entitled "Revocation Upheld: Excessive debt disqualifies licensee from practice" from the July/August 2009 issue of Professional Licensing Report was distributed for informational purposes.

Special  
Issues:

None.

Open Forum:

None.

Budget and  
Finance Report:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Kuriyama, seconded by Commissioner Loudermilk, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the Real Estate Recover Fund Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2009.

Next  
Meeting:

Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
9:00 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii'

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Neil K. Fujitani

\_\_\_\_\_  
Neil K. Fujitani  
Supervising Executive Officer

March 16, 2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved as is.  
 Approved with amendments. See minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.