

**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: Wednesday, December 6, 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  
Frances Gendrano, Salesperson/Honolulu Commissioner  
Stanley Kuriyama, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner  
Trudy Nishihara, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner  
Mark Suiso, Public/Honolulu Commissioner (Late Arrival)

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

Myoung Oh, Hawaii Association of REALTORS  
Barbara Suzuki

Others: None

Absent: None.

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 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.

The Chair presented Real Estate Commission Chair Trudy Nishihara with a Certificate of Participation for her attendance at the Commissioner College, sponsored by ARELLO at its annual meeting on September 24 to 27, 2006, in

San Antonio, Texas. This was the first Commissioner College that was held by ARELLO.

REC Chair Nishihara recommended that the Commissioners attend the college if they are able to.

SEO's Report:

**Additional Distribution**

The following material was distributed to the Commissioners prior to the start of the meeting:

8. Budget and Finance Report
  - a. Real Estate Recovery Fund

**Announcements**

The Deputy Attorney General may have to leave to attend another meeting at 10 a.m. this morning.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Chee seconded by Commissioner Nishihara, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2006 Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting.

Commissioner Suiso arrived.

Program of Work,  
FY07:

**Geographic Report**

Excerpts from the October 31, 2006 Geographic Report was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

**Neighbor Island Outreach**

The next neighbor island outreach is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2007, in Maui. The meetings will be held at the REALTORS Association of Maui, located at 441 Ala Makani Place, Kahului, Maui. The Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m., to be followed by the Education Review Committee and the Condominium Review Committee meetings.

**Licensing Renewal**

The real estate license renewal deadline is November 30, 2006.

There are currently 21,003 licensees who are eligible for renewal. As of December 4, 2006, 14,057 licensees have renewed, of which 12,371 have renewed online. This means that 88% of the renewals were completed online. There are 2642 renewal pending because the principal broker or the entity has not renewed successfully.

If the principal broker or the entity does not renew on time or the principal broker has not completed the continuing education requirement, all licenses under the brokerage will become inactive as of January 1, 2007.

The Commission recommends that licensees and consumers alike check the license status of those they are dealing with to insure that they are currently licensed. Online licensing status may be obtained from the following website: <http://pvl.ehawaii.gov/pvlsearch/app>

Licensees would not want to risk being charged with aiding and abetting an unlicensed individual and are advised to check the license status of those that they are dealing with.

Commissioner Suiso stated that he would need to show proof that he is currently licensed to sell certain types of insurance products. Licensees should be required to show their pocket card so that consumers know that they are dealing with someone whose license is active and current.

Specialist Grunen informed the Commissioners that a principal broker would be able to do a license search on the PVL website listed above to determine the status of the licensees that are associated with them.

If a licensee has renewed their license online and has not received their pocket card within ten days, they are advised to contact the Licensing Branch to check on the status of the renewal.

Chair Abrams noted that the Hawaii Association of REALTORS is projecting a 15% decrease in members.

#### **Subcommittee on Agency and Other Related Issues**

Subcommittee Chair Abrams reported that the next meeting will be held on December 6, 2006, at 1 p.m., in the Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room. The Committee will be discussing recommendations for rule changes at the meeting today. He hopes to be able to present their proposed recommendations to the Commission by midyear.

The following materials were distributed to the Commissioners for their information:

"NAR poised to close one front on war with regulators," Inman Real Estate News, November 6, 2006

#### ARELLO, Other Organizations and Jurisdictions:

#### **Consumer Federation of America**

Information on the Consumer Federation of America's Annual Conference was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

#### **CLEAR 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Report**

A copy of the Executive Officer's report on the CLEAR 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference that he attended was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

#### Special Issues:

None.

#### Open Forum:

None.

Budget and Finance      **Real Estate Recovery Fund**  
Report:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Aiona, seconded by Commissioner Chee, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the Real Estate Recovery Fund Report, dated September 30, 2006.

Next Meeting:      Wednesday, January 10, 2007

**9:30 a.m.**  
**REALTORS Association of Maui**  
**441 Ala Makani Place**  
**Kahului, Maui**

Adjournment:      With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Calvin Kimura  
Calvin Kimura  
Supervising Executive Officer

January 10, 2007  
Date

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