

LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
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, October 8, 2008

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, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner
Stanley Kuriyama, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner
Carol Ball, Broker/Maui Commissioner
Annette Aiona, Broker/Hawaii Commissioner
William Chee, Broker/Honolulu Commissioner

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: Myoung Oh, Hawaii Association of Realtors
G. Hisae Ishii-Chang, Hawaii State Bar Association

Absent: Michele Sunahara Loudermilk, Vice Chair, Public/Honolulu 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 Loudermilk, Nishihara and Suiso were excused from today's meeting. Prior notice of their non-attendance was received.

SEO's
Report:

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Upon a motion by Commissioner Aiona, seconded by Commissioner Kuriyama, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2008, Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting as circulated.

Program of
Work, FY09:

Neighbor Island Outreach

It was reported that the next neighbor island outreach meetings will be held in Hilo at the Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii on November 12, 2008.

Licensing Renewals

Specialist Grupen reported that renewal reminder cards are being mailed out on Friday, October 10, 2008 to all real estate licensees. The online real estate renewal site will go live at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 13, 2008.

Commissioner Education Program

A copy of the August 2008 OIP OpenLine Newsletter was distributed for informational purposes.

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Other
Organizations
& Jurisdictions:

No report presented.

Special
Issues:

Mortgage Rescue Fraud Prevention Act

The committee acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Hawaii Association of Realtors asking the Real Estate Commission to work together with HAR in forming a special task force to deal with Act 137, the Mortgage Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, and to explore the issue of unlicensed practice of law and develop in conjunction with HAR a workable solution for the industry.

Chair Abrams informed the committee that he has downloaded most of the testimony and committee reports relating to the mortgage rescue fraud prevention act and will provide it as a handout when Stephen Levins of the Office of Consumer Protection is available to attend the committee's or Commission's meeting. However, prior to meeting with OCP, staff will participate with HAR regarding the formation of a task force.

Open Forum:

None.

Budget and
Finance Report:

No report presented.

Next
Meeting:

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
9:30 a.m.
Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii
600 Imiloa Place
Hilo, Hawaii

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Diane Choy Fujimura

Diane Choy Fujimura
Senior Real Estate Specialist

October 17, 2008

Date

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