

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION  
CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 3, 2016**

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 9:18 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Commissioners Present: Joseph B. Castonguay, Acting Chairman (Broker – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
Lana K. Ogrodnik (Broker – 5<sup>th</sup> District)  
Amy Bergquist (Broker – 1<sup>st</sup> District)  
Linda C. Burnham (Salesperson – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
Morag L. Vance (Public Member – 4<sup>th</sup> District)  
Theodore F. Ells, Esq. (Public Member- 3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District)

Commissioners Absent: None

Commission Vacancy: Salesperson (1)

Attorney General's Office: None

DCP Staff Present: Vicky Bullock William Zenga  
Kelly Harvey Richard Maloney  
Robin Washbond

Public Present: Lucy Michaud  
Christopher Pellingra  
John Alubicki  
Cindy Pratt

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Connecticut Real Estate Commission meeting.

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY**

None

*It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to add Christopher Pellingra to the agenda.*

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### **Thomas Morgan (Not Present)**

Attorney Vicky Bullock informed the Commission that there has been no communication from Mr. Morgan; therefore the Commission took no action on this matter.

### **Christopher Pellingra (Present)**

It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried that upon successful completion of his probation, Mr. Pellingra may reappear before the Commission with a letter from his probation officer for Commission review and consideration of his salesperson application. Commissioner Vance opposed.

## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVER**

### **Waiver of 2016 CE requirements for licensed Commission members**

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried that licensed members serving on the Real Estate Commission for at least one year may have the continuing education requirements waived for the 2016 cycle.

Commissioners Burnham, Bergquist and Kronen opposed.

(Non-licensed Commission members voted: 2 in favor, 1 opposed)

## **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY**

1. Richard Maloney, Director of Trade Practices Division, provided an overview of current activities within the Department and commented that within the last year there has been a 10% reduction in staff through attrition and Trade Practices now has only one real estate examiner, Kelly Harvey. Mr. Maloney stated that the Department will continue to move forward with Enforcements, Assurances of Voluntary Compliance and preparing for the June Appraisal audit, but the approval of mandatory courses and the monitoring of schools and courses will be a struggle due to the lack of resources. Director Maloney informed the Commission of the Department's scheduled move to 450 Columbus Boulevard planned for January 2017.

2. Commissioner Castonguay expressed his concern regarding salesperson applicants who have appeared before the Commission and been granted real estate licenses subject to their sponsor/broker utilizing the DCP issued training manual and requiring a report back on the training progress. Commissioner Castonguay commented that there is no follow up to ensure that the report backs are being completed and forwarded to DCP. Attorney Bullock will look into this matter.
3. Kelly Harvey shared with the Commission a letter of thanks from recently retired, former Real Estate Examiner, Michele Erling.

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to reopen the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

### **2016-2018 REAL ESTATE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously that the 2016-2018 continuing education requirements shall consist of the Mandatory Fair Housing (in-classroom) course (3 credits), and elective courses (9 credits); and that CT Fair Housing Center will also be an approved school offering this course and the course may be offered 4/1/16 – 3/31/18; and that the following are added to the approved Fair Housing course outline: Legislative Updates; and that CT Fair Housing Center will be required to notify trainers of the requirement to provide up-to-date legislative updates at each Fair Housing Course session and that these updates can be found on the DCP website under “Laws and Regulations”; and that all instructors should check the website prior to every session for any new laws.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Burnham, Commissioner Bergquist 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Washbond  
Commission Secretary

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The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 9:15 am in Room 126