

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting

July 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gerald Rasmussen at 8:36 A.M. via a ZOOM Webinar.

Commission Members Present: Gerald Rasmussen (Cert. Gen. App. – 4th District)
John J. Galvin Jr. (Cert. Gen. App. – 5th District)
Linda M. Sepso (Cert. Res. App. – 3rd District)
Norris Hawkins (Public Member – 1st District)
Shawna M. Baron (Cert. Res. App. – 5th District)

Commission Members Absent: None

Commission Vacancies: Certified General Appraiser
Public Member (2)

Commission Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Linda Kieft-Robitaille
Vicky Bullock
Lauren Cheney
Julianne Avallone

Public Present: Emily Pace
Monica Sciacca

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division, Richard M. Hurlburt, Director. For information, visit the Agency Website: www.ct.gov/dcp
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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commission Hawkins, Commission Sepso 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020 CT Real Estate Appraisal Commission Meeting.

Examiner Linda Kieft-Robitaille reported she received the signed report from applicant Catherine Martini.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

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NEW BUSINESS

Emily Pace, RSP - Seeking extension of provisional license

It was moved by Commissioner Sepso, Commissioner Galvin 2nd, and the motion was carried unanimously to give an extension until the end of cycle 4.30.2021, in addition to submitting 2 samples to be forwarded to Commissioner Sepso for review.

Jessica Milikowski, RSP - Seeking extension of provisional license

Ms. Milikowski did not appear. This matter has been tabled to the next meeting.

Monica Sciacca, RSP - Seeking extension of provisional license

It was moved by Commissioner Galvin, Commission Hawkins 2nd, and the motion was carried unanimously to give an extension until the end of cycle 4.30.2021, in addition to submitting 2 samples to be forwarded to Commissioner Sepso for review.

Commissioner Rasmussen left the meeting at 9:47 A.M. Commissioner Galvin took over as acting chair.

OLD BUSINESS

CE Audit Updates/Fines

Attorney Julianne Avallone, DCP Legal Director, attended today's meeting to address the letter sent to DCP Commissioner requesting a raise for fines for the Appraisal CE Audit for licensees failing to obtain their continuing education.

Attorney Avallone gave an overview of what is being implemented in other agencies for the CE Audit fines and stated the recommended raise from the Appraisal Commission is

not in line with current practice. Attorney Avallone reported that various example compliance documents have been sent to Examiner Kieft-Robitaille, outlining three levels of settlement agreements, with the penalty at a 1,000 per violation. Attorney Avallone expressed she does not believe there should be an increase due to the current COVID Epidemic causing economic hardship.

Commissioner Galvin stated the purpose to implement the increase, as one example, is to stop the licensees who are not taking their CE courses and are willing to risk being caught and having to pay the violation fine, because the violation fine cost less than the CE courses. Commissioner Galvin also suggested the Appraisal Commission hear the fine increase response from the DCP Commissioner.

Commission Rasmussen stated to be prudent, next step is to read the example documents Attorney Avallone sent to Examiner Kieft-Robitaille, before making any decisions.

LEGAL

No updates

SCHOOLS AND COURSES

AAL.658 - Avoiding Disciplinary Actions For Residential Appraisers - 4 Hours CE (Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers)

It was moved by Commissioner Galvin, Commissioner Hawkins 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the course contingent on Commissioner Sepso reviewing the outline to see if it is adequate.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Sepso, Commissioner Hawkins 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Cheney
Commission Secretary

The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via a ZOOM webinar.