

Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MAY 28, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board (“LREAB” and/or “Board”) conducted its regularly scheduled meeting in-person and at the Board’s domicile office located at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1430 *et seq* and other applicable law.

Board Members Present:

Mr. F. Troy Williams, Chair (At-Large)

Mr. Montrell G. Dukes (At-Large)

Mr. H. Carter Leak, IV, Secretary (5th CD)

Mr. Bennett E. Oubre (6th CD)

Mr. Daniel A. Blanchard (1st CD)

Ms. Vanessa V. Vey (At-Large)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Terry L. Myers, Vice Chair (3rd CD)

Mr. Jimmie Thorns, Jr. (2nd CD)

Ms. Kara A. Platt (5th CD)

Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director

Ms. Malissa Fowler

Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Deputy Director/Executive Counsel

Mr. Mark Gremillion

Ms. Anne Brassett

Mr. Jeremy Travis

Ms. Allison Burnette

Ms. Nikki Wallace

Ms. Karen Carey

Ms. Jenny Yu

Others Present:

Ms. Janis Bonura

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at or about 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above. Chairman Williams led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2024

Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Secretary Leak, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 18, 2024, meeting as written and circulated (Exhibit A).

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Vey, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to enter Executive Session. Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Vey, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to end the Executive Session and resume open meeting.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Appraiser Final Compliance Review: Ms. Mire provided board members with an update on the AMC and Appraiser Final Compliance Reviews (Exhibits B and C). Ms. Mire reported that the board received good ratings for the AMC and appraiser reviews, which means the board will remain on a two-year review cycle.

2. AMC Grant Submission: Ms. Mire reminded board members that she is in the process to apply for the AMC grant. The deadline to apply is June 3. The current grant is set to expire on September 30. Ms. Mire stated that she spoke with Chairman Williams to possibly apply for an additional grant in 2025 to create educational opportunities for appraisers.

3. Fair Housing Complaints: Ms. Mire informed the board members about fair housing complaints the board has received from Freddie Mac. Ms. Mire stated that the complaints were received towards the end of April and are being handled in accordance with the board's standard operating procedures. Ms. Mire directed the board members to two of the complaints received. Both complaints contain certain buzz words that trigger Freddie Mac to submit a potential fair housing complaint.

4. Fiscal Reports: Ms. Mire reminded the board members that all expenses need to be submitted by the end of the month.

VI. BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Yu reviewed the Board's budget as of April 2024 (Exhibit D).

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution No. 2024-003; Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services; Arlene C. Edwards. Ms. Vey made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Oubre, and unanimously approved to accept the proposed resolution and proposed contract.

2. Proposed Resolution No. 2024-004; Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services; Celia R. Cangelosi. Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Vey, and unanimously approved to accept the proposed resolution and proposed contract.

3. Legislative Session Update. Mr. Devillier led a discussion on the current legislative session. Mr. Devillier began his discussion with HB109, stating that the bill would create an online portal for the public to discuss board/commission rules. The board/commission would have 90 days to respond and take action to maintain, repeal or modify the rule. Mr. Devillier also stated HB109 would create a five-year rolling period where boards/commissions will need to review all existing administrative rules and create an annual report for an oversight committee stating any action taken on the rule.

Mr. Devillier discussed HB609 which revises procedures for how the Louisiana Department of Insurance manages insurance policies and provides relative to the insurance claim appraisal process.

Mr. Devillier discussed SB462 which would allow the Governor to appoint the chairman of state boards and commissions.

Mr. Devillier discussed SB392 which would repeal the Occupational License Review Committee. With the repeal, the Board would be required to go without oversight protection or join the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP). Mr. Devillier stated that the premium for joining the OLRP would be around \$6500 per year. Mr. Devillier suggested the Board join the OLRP instead of going without oversight protection.

4. Consideration of Open Enrollment in LA Dept. of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (FY 24-25. Continuing from the legislative update, Mr. Devillier led a discussion on joining the OLRP. Ms. Mire added that she agreed with Mr. Devillier's recommendation to join the OLRP. Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Secretary Leak, and unanimously approved to join the OLRP and begin the enrollment process.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Blanchard made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Dukes, and unanimously approved.