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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

**MARCH 19, 2025  
MEETING MINUTES**

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On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its Education Committee meeting in-person and at the Commission’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.

**Commission Members Present:**

Mr. Joseph Pappalardo, Jr., Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 7)	Ms. Synde Devillier, Vice Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 6)
Mr. Theodore Major, Secretary (At-Large)	Ms. Hanna Chustz (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)
Mr. Tony Cornner (3 <sup>rd</sup> Congress. Dist.)	Ms. Paula Duncan (Sup. Ct. Dist. 3)
Mr. Jeff Free (Sup. Ct. Dist. 2)	Ms. Carole Horn (At-Large)
Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)	

**Commission Members Absent:**

Ms. Doneva Halphen (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1)	Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)
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**Staff Present:**

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director	Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir./Exec. Counsel
Ms. Debbie DeFrates	Ms. Dusty Evans
Mr. Mark Gremillion	Ms. Linda Pham
Mr. Jeremy Travis	

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### **Others Present:**

Mr. Wardell Coward

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Devillier called the meeting to order at or about 2:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None.

### **III. COURSE APPROVAL GUIDELINES**

Vice Chair Devillier led a discussion on the current Continuing Education Course Approval Guidelines. Ms. Mire stated that during the last committee meeting, the Commissioners discussed topics to include or remove from the list of approved topics in the current course approval guidelines and directed them to page four of the document. Ms. Mire also directed the Commissioners to an updated version of the guidelines that the Commission's education staff developed. Ms. Mire explained that the goal of today's meeting is not to approve the updated version, but instead to use it as a tool to further develop and tweak the content presented. Ms. Mire then led a discussion on unapproved topics. Commissioner Duncan asked how the Commission will handle topics involving artificial intelligence. Ms. Mire explained that if the topic presented involves artificial intelligence, it must be related to real estate. Ms. DeFrates and Mr. Gremillion provided additional details on the course approval process and how the education division handles courses involving artificial intelligence, stating that if artificial intelligence is used as a course topic, it should relate to practical use of real estate. Chairman Pappalardo echoed the sentiments of the education division and agreed that the involvement of artificial intelligence should have practical relation to how it can be used in the real estate industry and not just on the basics of artificial intelligence.

Ms. Mire asked the education division to provide the commissioners with additional topics that they would like to bring up for inclusion or removal from the list of approved topics. Mr. Gremillion stated that Marketing should be removed from the list of unapproved topics. Ms. DeFrates mentioned the currently unapproved topic of Personal Financial Management, stating the topic was approved during revisions of the guidelines in 2011, then became unapproved during guidelines revisions in 2019.

Ms. Mire then led a discussion on the inclusion of sample course topic submission with the Continuing Education Course Approval Guidelines. Ms. Mire directed the Commissioners to a sample course document created by the education division to illustrate how vendors should structure their courses for approval. Ms. Mire stated that a sample document similar to this would be included with the revised course approval guidelines. Mr. Gremillion and Ms. Mire stated that moving forward there will be two sets of course approval guidelines; one for continuing education and one for mandatory courses. Ms. Mire concluded her discussion stating that staff will continue revising the updated course approval guidelines that were discussed today and will present them at the next committee meeting.

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**IV. 45 HOUR POST-LICENSING COURSE**

Ms. Mire and Vice Chair Devillier led a brief discussion on revisions to the 45 hour post-licensing course. Ms. Mire stated that a taskforce was created in 2023 to review the course outline, but the taskforce hasn't met since the passing of Mr. Frank Trapani who served as a member. Vice Chair Devillier asked if any of the commissioners would like to serve on the taskforce. Chairman Pappalardo and Commissioner Horn volunteered to join the taskforce.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Devillier made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Free, and unanimously approved.