

**Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 24, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its regularly scheduled, monthly 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)	Mr. Tony Cornner (3 rd Congress. Dist.)
Mr. Jeff Free (Sup. Ct. Dist. 2)	Ms. Doneva Halphen (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1)
Ms. Carole Horn (At-Large)	Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)
Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)	

Commission Members Absent:

Ms. Hanna Chustz (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)	Ms. Paula Duncan (Sup. Ct. Dist. 3)
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Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director	Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir. / Exec. Counsel
Ms. Arlene Edwards, General Counsel	Ms. Karen Carey
Ms. Tammy Cicero	Ms. Dusty Evans
Ms. Malissa Fowler	Mr. Mark Gremillion

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Ms. Jessica Neal

Ms. Allison OToole

Mr. Jeremy Travis

Ms. Sloane Watts

Ms. Jenny Yu

Others Present:

Mr. Wardell Coward

Mr. Norman Morris, Louisiana REALTORS

Mr. Arthur Schwertz, Mosaic Property
Valuations

Mr. David Trimble, Burk Baker School of
Realty

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2025 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES & MARCH 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chair Devillier made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Education Committee Meeting (Exhibit A) as written and circulated.

Commissioner Halphen made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Ritchie, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Regular Meeting (Exhibit B) as written and circulated.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

1. Emergency Order 2025-003: 2024-2307 et seq – *In re: Margaret Mary “Maggie” Burtner Blake & MB Management Group, LLC*: Mr. Devillier introduced the Commission’s hearing of the March 28, 2025, *Emergency Order 2025-003* and related exhibit evidence (Exhibit C). Mr. Devillier stated Ms. Blake was notified of the hearing, had not communicated with staff, and either failed or refused to appear. Mr. Devillier also stated that Ms. Blake was informed that the hearing would proceed in default without her presence if she failed or refused to appear.

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Vice Chair Devillier made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornner, and unanimously approved to introduce *Emergency Order 2025-003*, related emergency order evidence, and March 28, 2025 emergency order and hearing notice email *en globo*.

Vice Chair Devillier made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornner, and unanimously approved to introduce the proposed *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order*, related evidence, and April 16, 2025 proposed final order email *en globo*.

Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement and factual summary of the case, including but not limited to the issuance of *Emergency Order 2025-003*. Commissioner Ritchie asked Mr. Devillier about the difference between revoking a license and suspending a license indefinitely. Mr. Devillier provided a brief explanation.

Vice Chair Devillier made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved *via* roll call vote to formally adopt the proposed *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order* and related exhibit evidence as presented, which in part ratified *Emergency Order 2025-003* and maintained Ms. Blake's indefinite license suspension.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget. Commissioner Cornner reported regarding the Commission's current budget report (Exhibit D).

2. Education. Vice Chair Devillier introduced Mr. Norman Morris and Mr. Arthur Schwertz. Mr. Morris and Mr. Schwertz presented a proposed commercial alternative to the 2025 Mandatory Course. Following the presentation, Commissioner Ritchie made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Halphen, and unanimously approved to accept the proposed course as a commercial alternative to the 2025 Mandatory Course.

3. Legal / Legislative.

- Consideration of Proposed Consent Agreement – Docket Nos. 2025-0180; 2025-0170; 2025-0166; and 2024-1732 – *In re: Rodrick T. McIntosh*: Mr. Devillier introduced the proposed April 24, 2025, Consent Agreement and Final Order for Docket Nos. 2025-0180; 2025-0170; 202-0166; and, 2024-1732, and related exhibit evidence (Exhibit E). Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement and factual summary of the case, including but not limited to the issuance of *Emergency Order 2025-002* and the proposed consent agreement. Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Devillier, and unanimously approved *via* roll call vote to formally adopt the proposed consent agreement and related exhibit evidence as presented, which in part ratified *Emergency Order 2025-002* and maintained Mr. McIntosh's indefinite license suspension.

- 2025 Regular Legislative Session; Update. Mr. Devillier provided details on several legislative bills that the Commission is currently tracking. Mr. Devillier specifically provided an update regarding HB 256. Mr. Devillier stated that the bill has not yet been scheduled for the House Commerce Committee and that he will keep the Commissioners updated regarding its progress throughout the legislative process.

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4. Standardized Forms. Commissioner Halphen and Ms. Mire provided an update on the Mandatory Forms feedback period. Ms. Mire stated the feedback period for revisions will end on April 30, 2025, and the committee will plan to meet later this year to discuss potential changes.

5. Technology. None.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Introduction of New Staff. Ms. Mire introduced the Commission's newest employees: Ms. Tammy Cicero and Ms. Jessica Neal.

2. Pearson Vue. Ms. Mire reminded the Commissioners that it's time to reexamine and update the Louisiana state licensing exam questions with Pearson Vue, the Commission's state and national exam provider. The review dates have been scheduled for July 8-9, 2025 at the Commission. Ms. Mire stated that she will request that subject matter experts and Commissioners participate in the review.

3. HVAC Installation. Ms. Mire reminded the Commissioners that the HVAC installation will begin in June 2025 with preliminary installation beginning the last week of April 2025.

4. ARELLO Mid-Year Meeting Wrap-Up. Ms. Mire thanked the Commissioners for participating in the successful Mid-Year meeting. Ms. Mire gave special praise to Commissioner Ritchie and Chair Pappalardo for their active participation in discussion panels during the meeting.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Halphen made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Ritchie, and unanimously approved.