

LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii
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MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Scott Arakaki, Chair, Public / Honolulu Commissioner
Laurie Lee, Vice Chair, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner
Bruce Faulkner, Broker / Maui Commissioner
Nikki Senter, Public / Honolulu Commissioner
Scott Sherley, Broker / Hawaii Commissioner
Aileen Wada, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner
Aleta Klein, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner
Michael Pang, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Neil Fujitani, Supervising Executive Officer
Miles Ino, Executive Officer
Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist
Amy Endo, Real Estate Specialist
David Grupen, Real Estate Specialist
Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist
Benedyne Stone, Condominium Specialist
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General
Tammy Norton, Recording Secretary

Others: Aron Espinueva, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®
Catherine Lampton

Absent: Rowena Cobb, Broker / Kauai Commissioner

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair's Report: The Chair announced that the Commission may move into executive session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, and/or to consult with the Commission's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS.

Commissioner Cobb was excused from today's meeting. Prior notice of her non-attendance was received.

SEO's Report: **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sherley, seconded by Commissioner Klein, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2014, Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting as circulated.

Program of Work: **Legislative and Government Participation Report**

The following article was distributed for informational purposes: "Study finds higher count of rentals for vacations" *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* posted August 30, 2014.

Licensing Renewal

SEO Fujitani announced that we are in a renewal year. Staff has begun its outreach program and met with the Hawaii Island REALTORS® regarding the new MyPVL system and linking their licenses for renewals. There were approximately 2 dozen Principal Brokers in attendance, of which most had already signed up with the MyPVL system. Staff reviewed the system and provided information on linking licenses, checking on CE information and renewing licenses. Staff will be meeting with other boards in the near future.

Specialist Endo provided a written report on the upcoming 2014 real estate license renewals. Key points mentioned were:

- A MyPVL account must be set up by licensees to renew their license;
- No discounts will be offered, fee structure provided;
- The 3 questions with regards to disciplinary action and criminal convictions on the renewal application has been changed back to "in the past 2 years";
- Renewal application will not be made available online;
- Those requesting a paper renewal application must contact Licensing Branch;
- Online renewals will go live at 12:01 a.m., October 20, 2014;
- November 30, 2014 is the renewal deadline to ensure issuance of pocket card by January 1, 2015; and
- Online renewal site shuts down at 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2014.

Deputy Attorney General Wong questioned why renewals were not being made available in pdf format online and questioned the reverting back from "in the past 3 years..." to "in the past 2 years...."

Specialist Endo replied that by providing a pdf renewal form online, it causes delays in processing by the Licensing Branch as the generic form is not licensee-specific bar coded. In regards to reverting back to "in the past 2 years..." question on the real estate renewal application, it was a PVL-across the board change. All boards whose licensees renew every 1 or 2 years, will go back to the

"2 year" question, those who are on a 3 year renewal cycle will continue with the "3 year" question.

ARELLO, Other
Organizations And
Jurisdictions:

ArellloGram and Other Informational Reports

The following article from the August 2014 issue of *ARELLO Boundaries* was distributed for informational purposes: "NAR Reports Increased U.S. Residential Sales to International Clients."

Special Issues: None reported.

Budget and
Finance Report:

Chair Arakaki disclosed that his law firm has represented and been represented by Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia and Nakamura. Chair Arakaki further disclosed that he can make a fair and unbiased decision in dealings with the Ayabe firm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Sherley, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the Real Estate Recovery Fund Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2014.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii'

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Neil K. Fujitani

Neil K. Fujitani
Supervising Executive Officer

September 12, 2014

Date

Approved as is.
 Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.