

**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, January 9, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: REALTORS® Association of Maui  
441 Ala Makani Place  
Kahului, Maui

Present: Scott Arakaki, Chair, Public / Honolulu Commissioner  
Sean Ginoza, Vice Chair, Broker / Hilo Commissioner  
Bruce Faulkner, Broker / Maui Commissioner  
Aleta Klein, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner  
Russell Kyono, Broker / Kauai Commissioner  
Laurie Lee, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner  
John Love, Public / Honolulu Commissioner  
Aileen Wada, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Neil Fujitani, Supervising Executive Officer  
Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist  
Carole Richelieu, Senior Condominium Specialist  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General  
Tammy Norton, Recording Secretary

Others: Lloyd Sodetani, Condominium Consultant

Absent: Michael Pang, Broker / Honolulu Commissioner

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., at which time quorum was established. Chair Arakaki thanked the REALTORS Association of Maui for the use of their facilities for today's meetings.

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 Pang was excused from today's meeting. Prior notice of his non-attendance was received.

SEO's Report: **Announcements, Introduction, Correspondence and Additional Distribution**

SEO Fujitani also thanked the REALTORS Association of Maui (RAM) for use of their meeting rooms and welcomed condominium consultant Lloyd Sodeani. SEO Fujitani reported that KGMB announced the Commission's meetings being held on Maui in its morning segment.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Kyono, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2018, Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting as circulated.

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

A copy of the 2019 Session Calendar was distributed for informational purposes. Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is the opening day. Legislative proposals get filed quickly and many times with quick hearing dates and short testimony turnaround. Staff will be working closely with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the committees to solicit input upon drafting of the testimony.

Commissioner Wada questioned the status of HAR's bills and asked if they have been submitted.

SEO Fujitani responded that he has not seen any of HAR's bills. During his last conversation with HAR, they were working on their bills. HAR's staff is attending "REALTOR® Day" today, where REALTOR® leaders from across the State go to the Capitol to share their Legislative Program with lawmakers and discuss real estate issues. SEO Fujitani commented that he is aware of a bill to extend the Ch. 514A repeal Safe Harbor deadline.

**Licensing Renewal**

Renewal deadline was December 31, 2018. As of January 2, 2019, of the 21,104 real estate licensees, 17,276 have renewed. 95% of those renewed, have renewed online. There has been a slight drop off in number of licensees. Staff is currently receiving a flood of calls from those who missed the renewal deadline and now need to restore their license. Many of the callers renewed their board membership but did not renew their State license.

ARELLO, Other  
Organizations And  
Jurisdictions:

**ARELLO Boundaries**

The following articles from the December 2018 issue of ARELLO Boundaries were distributed for informational purposes: "ARELLO Unveils New Brand Identity," "Federal Court Grants Eleventh Amendment Immunity to New Jersey Real Estate Commission," "Michigan Court Rejects Brokerage Firm's 'Reasonable Reliance' Defense," and "Fannie Mae Adds New Level of Personalized Disaster Relief."

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Next Meeting:            Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
                                 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 9:41 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Neil K. Fujitani

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Neil K. Fujitani  
Supervising Executive Officer

January 15, 2019

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Date

Approved as is.  
 Approved with amendments. See minutes of \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.  
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