

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Castonguay at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM Webinar.

Commission Members Present: Joseph B. Castonguay, Acting Chairman, Broker- 2nd District
Morag Vance, Public Member-4th District
Amy Bergquist, Broker- 1st District
Peter L. Gray, Broker- 4th District
Sharon Rinaldi, Salesperson- 1st District
Linda C. Burnham, Salesperson- 2nd District
Theodore F. Ells, Public Member- 3rd District

Commission Vacancies: Public Member (1)

Commission Counsel Present: None

DCP Staff Present: Ben Paholke, Staff Attorney
Ryan Burns, Staff Attorney
Leslie O'Brien, Legislative Director
Paulette Annon, Assistant Legal Director
Julianne Avallone, DCP Legal Director
Terry- Jo Powell, License and Applications Analyst
Jill Conklin, Real Estate Examiner
Paul Grabowski, Staff Attorney
Warouny "Mimi" Syharat- Long, Real Estate Examiner
Pamela Brown, Investigations Director

Public Present: Cindy Butts
Shanielle Copeland

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Investigations Division. For more information, refer to DCP Agency website: www.ct.gov/dcp

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Review of May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Burnham motioned to approve. Commission Ells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

None

DCP INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

1. Director Brown introduced Warouny “Mimi” Syharat- Long, as a new member of the Investigations Division. The Board congratulated and welcomed Mimi.
2. Shanielle Copeland:
 - Request for License Renewal fee refund due to Active Duty.
 - Request for License to be placed on an “inactive” status due to her employment with HUD. HUD prohibits employees from active real estate participation.

Director Brown requested to table the item for further review as it is a License Services Division item to be decided internally. Commissioner Vance presented the option of no action from the Board due to the fact it was not a Board issue. Director Brown agreed this was an option. Commissioner Vance motioned to “take no action on the item as it is a department function”. Commissioner Ells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DCP LEGAL DIVISION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mandatory Course- 2022- 2024.

Chairman Castonguay stated the Board was not ready. The item will be tabled until the next meeting. Chairman Castonguay added that a Special Meeting will most likely result regarding this item. Commissioner Vance motion to approved. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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None.

ADJOURN

It was moved to adjourn the meeting by Chairman Castonguay at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon M. Rivera
License and Applications Analyst
Board Coordinator, DCP

* Drafted per review of recorded minutes only, non- attendance.

2023 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

February 1
May 3
August 2
November 1