#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

# DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

## CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

# **Minutes of Meeting**

December 3, 2008

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened for a Meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

(Salesperson – 3<sup>rd</sup> District) Commissioners Present: Barbara Thompson, Chairperson

(Broker – 2<sup>nd</sup> District) Joseph B. Castonguay, (Broker – 5<sup>th</sup> District) Lana K. Ogrodnik

(Public Member- 3<sup>rd</sup> District) Theodore F. Ells, Esq. (Public Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District) Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 4<sup>th</sup> District) Morag L. Vance (Salesperson – 4<sup>th</sup> District) James Hoffman

In @9:30 a.m. Out @ 11:15 a.m.

Marilyn Keating, Vice-Chairperson (Salesperson – 4<sup>th</sup> District) Excused Commissioners Absent:

Commission Vacancy: None

Attorney General's office: Alan Ponanski, Assistant Attorney General

DCP Staff present: Sallie Pinkney, Commission Secretary Occ/Pro Licensing Division

Laureen Rubino, Real Estate Supervisor

Real Estate Unit Vicky Bullock, Attorney Legal Division

**Public Present:** Patricia Sutherland Mary Jane Carrone **David Jones** 

Victoria Fingelly Marilyn Herlin Larry Hannafin Richard Volo, Esq. Brad E. Rainey John Sabre John Grabarz Russell Levoy John Morgan

Tommie Lathuras-Wehle

The next Meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 126.

Note: The administrative functions of this Commission are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information please call Laureen M. Rubino, Real Estate Supervisor and Real Estate Commission Administrator, at (860) 713-6135 or visit www.ct.gov/dcp.

#### 1. MINUTES/AGENDA:

- a. The Minutes of Meeting of October 1, 2008 were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve the Minutes as amended.
- b. It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to add Mary Anna Burke and Tommie Lathuras-Weaharle to the 12/3/08 agenda.
  - i. Mary Anna Burke is seeking educational equivalency. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve her request.
  - ii. Tommie Lathuras-Weaharle. Is reappearing to appeal the Commission's decision in October to deny her Broker's application. It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to allow Ms. Lathuras-Weaharle to take the Broker's exam, and obtain a license subject to her taking the required Appraisal Law course; she can not sponsor a salespersons for the first year from the date her license is issued; and she must be sponsored by a license Broker.

## 2. CHRO APPLICANTS APPEARING

a. Rainey Brad Res. 786894 – It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve his application subject to verification of dismissal of all charges re: Home Invasion case. A certified copy from the Bridgeport Judicial Department is required.

### 3. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION –

- a. Sec. 20-321 & Sec. 20-323. Alan Ponanski, Assistant Attorney General gave an overview of his opinion of the Connecticut General Statues Section 20-221 and 223. He stated while 20-321 is clear in its intent; it is a general provision. But 20-323 is specific and that when 2 Statues contradict each other the more specific Section overrides. Alan further stated that if someone is convicted of a crime, and their license gets revoked they were granted do process during their hearing, and don't need an additional hearing, and the term of their reinstatement is decided by the Commission.
- b. Section 20-314- Alan stated that all licenses expire annually, and can not be extended if not renewed within a 2 year period because the statues are clear. The Commission may reinstate within a 2 year period at their discretion.
- c. Alan stated that in Section 223-17b re: reciprocity should be discussed at a later date after he has reviewed the reciprocity agreement between states.
- d. Sec. 20-314a Approval of instructors Fees for school registrations & Course approvals

# 4. <u>LAPSED REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON/BROKERS</u>

Request for Reinstatement. Lapsed greater than two years - Sec: 20-314 (f)

- a. Cohen Charles Reb. 0128652. No Action taken.
- b. Marilyn Herlin Res. 0307254 \$500.00 civil penalty appearing. It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny her request, but allow Ms. Herlin to reapply for a salespersons license without taking the required principle/practice course.
- c. Russell Luery Res. 0415888. It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny his request, but allow Mr. Russell to reapply for a salespersons license subject to completion of the required 60 hours of principle/practice course.
- d. Marie A. Di Pasquale Res 0760096. It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny her request, but allow her to reapply for the salespersons license subject to completion of the required 30 hours of principle/practice course.
- e. Elena Meli Res 0753695. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny her request, but allow her to reapply for the salespersons license subject to completion of the required 30 hours of principle/practice course.
- f. Patricia Sutherland Res 666418 \$500.00 civil penalty appearing. It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny her request, but allow Ms. Sutherland to reapply for a salespersons license without taking the required 60 hours of principle/practice course.

# 5. CONSENT/SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

- a. Greer Carolyn Docket # 2008-865
- b. R. Laura Travers Salesperson Unlicensed
- c. Oxford Properties LLC, Maria Seaman, Designated Broker for R. Laura Travers
- d. Theresa Rossignol Salesperson Unlicensed
- e. Frank Woodruff, Rogers Agency Inc. Designated Broker for Theresa Rossignol
- f. Beckwith Sheila, Reb. 751829

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to accept the consent/settlement agreements (agenda item 5 a-f) as submitted.

## 6. <u>2008 CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS</u>

- a. Rohinsky Irving C.E. Audit Broker
- b. Frost Jeremy C.E. Audit Salesperson
- c. Williams R.E. of CT. LLC Corwin Gubner, Designated Broker
- d. R.W. Bethlehem Unlimited, Madelaine B. Pecci, Designated Broker
- e. Jeanie Snell Broker
- f. Patricia Howe Salesperson
- g. Walter F. Geswell Salesperson
- h. David Gardner Salesperson
- i. Jennifer Putnam salesperson
- j. Paola B. Carey Salesperson
- k. June H. Anderson Salesperson
- 1. Holmes & Kennedy William Holmes Designated Broker
- m. Facility Concepts Corp, Rene Bernard Designated Broker
- n. Vazquez Maribel Salesperson
- o. Petrucci Heidi Salesperson w/payment schedule. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve her payment plan.
- p. Serrano Edgar Salesperson

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve the Continuing Education Audit Agreements (agenda item 7 a-p) as submitted.

### 7. <u>APPLICATIONS</u>

- a. Timohy M. Herbst, Attorney Applicant. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Commissioner Vance abstained and the vote carried to approve his applicant
- **b.** Richard Sinapi, R. I. Attorney Applicant (qualified in R.I. by attorney not examination). **CHECK TAPE**
- c. Bajaio Albert, Broker Applicant. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to approve his application.

# 8. <u>CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2010</u>

- a. Instructor Credit The Commission reiterated that all continuing education waivers need to be submitted to the Department of Consumer Protection office 90 days in advance.
- b. 30 Hour P. & P. credit? The Commission reiterated that if a licensee has 30 hours of Principle/Practice they may receive 6 hours of continuing education credit, however they must take the 6 hours of the mandatory courses.
- **c.** Review of Agency Course: that was approved at the meeting of August 6, 2008. David Jones of Guilford dialoged with the Commission regarding the Agency course.

# 9. REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVER/EXTENSIONS

- a. Porriello Pasquale Seeks waiver of C.E. for 2008. It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny his request.
- b. Greenwich Consulting Corp Gil Robinov designated broker. It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny his request.
- c. N. Y. Reciprocal Broker exempt in N.Y. It was moved by Commissioner, Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to follow Connecticut Continuing Education requirement.
- d. Spaeth John (Jack) requesting medical hardship extension. It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Ogrodnik2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to grant him a 6 month extension effective 12/3/08.
- e. Free Molly requesting medical hardship extension. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Ells2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to grant her a 3 month extension effective 12/3/08.

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The dates for the Connecticut Real Estate Commission meeting for 2009 are as follows: Jan 21/28; March 4; May 6; July 15; Sept 2; Nov 4 of 2009.
- b. Oklahoma Reciprocal Agreement with CT has changed. The Commission would like to have DCP legal department review the agreement, and will agree to have both licensees take the state portion before a license will be issued.
- c. Letter of Scott Harrington referral from Richard Blumenthal was reviewed.
- d. ARELLO Survey of Internet Issues was reviewed

- e. Grabarz John license revoked in accordance with Sec. 20-323 represented by Attorney Richard Volo. Seeking hearing base don Sec. 20-321. It was moved by Commissioner Castonguay, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny his request. Mr. Grabarz will remain revoked for 1 year, and must provide documentation of rehabilitation progress during that year.
- f. Letter of Shannon Walker seeking to sit for the salesperson exam without education. It was moved Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to deny her request. She does not meet the Real Estate requirement to become a salesperson. She needs to take the required 60 hours of Principle/Practice course.

# 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Home Builders Association of Connecticut, Inc. (Appearing). Information was distributed and briefly discussed. The Commission concluded that the Commission is not ready to take a position at this time on the issues and will be happy to review the legislation if and when language it is drafted.
- b. Real Estate C.E. Audit 2008 was reviewed
  - > Brokers 15 to Legal for further action
  - > Salespersons Second letters to 145 non respondents
- c. Guaranty Fund Report was reviewed
- d. Credential Counts as of November 18, 2009 was reviewed
  - ➤ Brokers 7078
  - > Salesperson 18670
- e. Higgins, Richard allowing unlicensed salespersons to engage. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to have Mr. Higgins forward his payment to DCP by 12/31/08.

### 12. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

None

### 13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the vote carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Salle Pinkney, Commission Secretary Occupational Professional Licensing Division