STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

May 5, 2010

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened for a Meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

(Salesperson – 3rd District) **Commissioners Present:** Barbara Thompson, Chairperson

(Broker – 2nd District) Joseph B. Castonguay, (Broker – 5th District) Lana K. Ogrodnik (Salesperson – 4th District) Marilyn Keating, Vice-Chairperson (Public Member- 3rd District) Theodore F. Ells (Public Member – 1st District) Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 4th District) Morag L. Vance James Hoffman (Salesperson – 4th District)

Commissioners Absent: None

Commission Vacancy: None

Attorney General's office: None

DCP Staff present: Sallie Pinkney, Board Administrator Occ/Pro Licensing Division

> Kelly Harvey, Real Estate Examiner Real Estate Unit Vicky Bullock, Attorney Legal Division

Linda Roberts, Executive Assistant DCP Commissioner's Office

Linda Keift-Robitalle, Real Estate Examiner Real Estate Unit Michelle Erling, Real Estate Examiner Real Estate Unit

Public Present: Larry Hannafin John Sable David Tamaren

Jackie Baker Alex Granouskiy John Morgan

The next Meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 2010, 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 Sallie Pinkney, Board Administrator at (860) 713-6140 or visit www.ct.gov/dcp.

1. MINUTES

a. The Minutes of Meeting of March 3, 2010 were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Keating 2nd, and the vote carried to approve the Minutes as amended.

2. FORMAL HEARING/RECONSIDERATION

a. 2009- 5996 – David Tamaren. It was moved by Commissioner Kronen, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the vote carried to deny his reconsideration. Mr. Tamaren can reapply for a license one year from his initial ruling date of February, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the vote carried to add agenda item 3 b to the agenda.

b. 2009-3871 - Jeff Kershner –Salesperson applicant seeking approval prior to his application deadline.
 No Action Taken. Marked over to July, 2010

3. TRADE PRACTICE

a. Trade Practices Real Estate Complaint Statistics Report was reviewed

4. CONSENT AGREEMENTS

- a. 2009-5685 Marta Bertoldo affiliated with a business entity not properly licensed
- **b.** 2009-5662 The Real Estate Market, LLC sponsoring unlicensed sales person
- c. 2010-0053 Randall Realtors sponsoring unlicensed salespersons

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2^{nd} , and the vote carried to approve the consent agreements submitted by DCP (agenda items 4: a - c).

5. REAL ESTATE APPLICATIONS/WAIVERS

- a. Baker, Jackie Seeking reinstatement of expired broker license (expired over 2 years ago 3/31/07). It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2nd, and the vote carried to deny her request, The Commission recommends, she take the 30 hour Principal & Practice course, and the 2 three hour mandatory courses.
- b. Celeste Caracausa Seeking waiver of broker pre-licensing course (additional 30 hrs P&P). **No Action taken. Marked over to July, 2010**
- c. Michele DaSilva seeking waiver of broker pre-licensing courses (additional 30 hrs P&P & 30 hr elective) based on law school transcripts submitted. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Ells 2nd, and the vote carried to grant her a waiver of the pre-licensing course.

d. Kelly Harvey – Seeking waiver of additional 30 hours Principal and Practice, and 30 hours elective, and request that her license be reinstated at future date. It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Castonguay 2nd, and the vote carried to make inactive Kelly Harvey's current real estate sales license with the opportunity to reinstate in the future, once she meets the requirements by paying the reinstatement fee, and waive all fees and continuing education requirements during her employment at DCP. The request for a waiver of broker courses will be revisited.

6. REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY/WAIVER

- a. Bell, David RE Salesperson seeking equivalency credit for a 3 hours elective course. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Keating 2nd, and the vote carried to approve 3 hours of equivalent credit.
- **b.** Gudian, Delores A. RE Salesperson seeking medical hardship extension to complete continuing education for 2010.
- valenti, Raymond RE salesperson seeking medical hardship extension to complete continuing education for 2010.
 It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the vote carried

to grant an extension until 12/31/2010 to Delores Gudian and Raymond Valenti (agenda item 6 b & c).

7. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- a. Correspondence re: Idaho Real Estate Law & Real Estate License application was reviewed
- **b.** Correspondence re: Salesperson Upgrading to a Broker License was reviewed
- c. Correspondence re: Ethics News was reviewed
- d. Correspondence re: Changes to Real Estate Salesperson & Brokers Requirements were reviewed
- e. Correspondence re: Tenants Rights in Foreclosures Commissioner Castonguay will forward detailed information to Attorney Bullock so that information can be distributed to Real Estate Schools. Follow-up will take place at July's meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Keating 2nd, and the vote carried to add agenda item 7, f.

f. Discussion on Real Estate Brokers offering sweepstakes & home buyer credit. **Detailed** information will be forwarded to Attorney Bullock for further investigation. Follow-up will take place at July's meeting

8. OLD BUSINESS

- **a.** Discussion of the process for approval of Attorney Broker applications.
 - i. What courses are blanket approvals for Attorney applicants seeking equivalency for 30 hr P& P
 - Contracts 1 & 2
 - Property 1 & 2
 - ii. List of Acceptable Electives

Commissioner Ells will present information pertaining to agenda items 8 a & b. at the July meeting.

9. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> It was moved by Commissioner Keating, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2nd, and the vote carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Salle Pinkney, Board Administrator Occupational & Professional Licensing Division