# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

# Minutes of Meeting December 3, 2014

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Commissioners Present: Marilyn L. Keating, Acting Chairperson (Salesperson – 4<sup>th</sup> District)

Joseph B. Castonguay (Broker – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)
Lana K. Ogrodnik (Broker – 5<sup>th</sup> District)
Amy Bergquist (Broker – 1<sup>st</sup> District)

Linda C. Burnham (Salesperson – 2<sup>nd</sup> District)

Morag L. Vance (Public Member – 4<sup>th</sup> District)

Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 1<sup>st</sup> District)

Theodore F. Ells, Esq. (Public Member- 3<sup>rd</sup> District)

Commissioners Absent: None

Commission Vacancy: None

Attorney General's Office: None

DCP Staff Present: Michele Erling William Zenga

Vicky Bullock Madelyn Sowinski - Intern

Kelly Harvey Robin Washbond Richard Maloney

Public Present: Genaro Hathaway George Agnelli

Kristen Haseney Theresa Granger David Duquette

The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 9:15 am in Rm-126

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014 CT Real Estate Commission meeting.

Attorney Vicky Bullock commented that the attorney for John Zubretsky (Real Estate School of New England) requested a copy of the October 1, 2014 meeting minutes in preparation for his client's hearing. Attorney Bullock asked the Commission to amend the minutes to include additional information detailing the basis for the denial of Mr. Zubretsky's Real Estate school application.

The Commission unanimously decided not to amend the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting.

# **CHRO**

#### 1. Genaro Hathaway

Mr. Hathaway appeared before the Commission. It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Burnham 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to deny Mr. Hathaway's request to sit for the salesperson licensing examination.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to add Yochanan Levitansky to the agenda.

# 2. Yochanan Levitansky

Mr. Levitansky did not appear at today's meeting. The Commission took no action on this matter.

#### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

#### Case # 2014-187 - David Duguette, RES.796877

Mr. Duquette appeared before the Commission with his broker, George Agnelli Jr.

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried to accept the consent agreement.

Commissioner Bergquist opposed. Commissioner Kronen recused himself from this matter. Attorney Bullock advised that a training manual will be sent to the Broker, which calls for a report to be submitted to the Department on a quarterly basis for one year.

#### **REAL ESTATE GUARANTY FUND APPLICATION**

#### Case # 2014-495 – Theresa Granger vs Todd Malinosky

It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Guaranty Fund application of Theresa Granger and authorize payment to her in the amount of \$7.234.10.

#### REQUEST FOR EQUIVALENT CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

 Seller Representative Specialist (SRS) Course –Several licensees requesting equivalency credit for this course; not currently approved for credit in CT It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogrodnik 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to grant six (6) Continuing Education elective credits.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to add Michael Baldi, Jr. and Christopher Metcalfe to the agenda.

- Michael Baldi, Jr. Broker applicant seeking equivalent education credit
  It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Castonguay 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion
  carried unanimously to allow Mr. Baldi to sit for the Broker licensing examination without
  having to take additional coursework and allow equivalency credit for the courses shown on his
  transcripts.
- Christopher Metcalfe Broker applicant seeking equivalent education credit
  It was moved by Commissioner Burnham, Commissioner Kronen 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried
  unanimously to grant equivalency credit toward the 30-hour Real Estate related elective
  required for his broker's license, but he must take the Appraisal Principles or Appraisal
  Procedures course.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **2014-2016 Mandatory Continuing Education Course**

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ells 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to adopt the 2014-2016 Mandatory Continuing Education Course.

Commissioner Keating recommended forming an 'Education Committee' prior to the next review of the Mandatory CE Course; and that the committee should consist of the Commission Chairman, a Real Estate Education staff person responsible for course approvals, DCP Staff person(s), and an individual from the outside.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2015 Commission Meeting Dates**

#### February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, December 2

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the 2015 Real Estate Commission meeting dates.

#### **PSI-Connecticut Real Estate Exam Results**

The Commission reviewed the Connecticut Real Estate exam statistics for February 1, 2014-November 12, 2014.

#### COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

Commissioner Ogrodnik extended her best wishes to all for the holidays and the New Year.

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

It was moved by Commissioner Ogrodnik, Commissioner Vance 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Washbond Commission Secretary

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