

Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board
State of Louisiana

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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 18, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

On Monday, March 18, 2024, the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board (“LREAB” and/or “Board”) conducted its regularly scheduled meeting in-person and at the Board’s domicile office located at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1430 *et seq* and other applicable law.

Board Members Present:

Mr. F. Troy Williams, Chair (At-Large)

Mr. Montrell G. Dukes (At-Large)

Mr. Terry L. Myers, Vice Chair (3rd CD)

Ms. Kara A. Platt (5th CD)

Mr. H. Carter Leak, IV, Secretary (5th CD)

Ms. Vanessa V. Vey (At-Large)

Mr. Daniel A. Blanchard (1st CD)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Bennett E. Oubre (6th CD)

Mr. Jimmie Thorns, Jr. (2nd CD)

Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director

Ms. Malissa Fowler

Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir./Exec. Counsel

Mr. Mark Gremillion

Ms. Arlene C. Edwards, General Counsel

Ms. Telly Hollis

Ms. Anne Brassett

Mr. Jeremy Travis

Ms. Allison Burnette

Ms. Nikki Wallace

Ms. Karen Carey

Ms. Jenny Yu

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Others Present:

Ms. Cheryl Bella

Ms. Janis Bonura

Ms. Melissa Bond

Mr. Rebecca Rothschild

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at or about 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above. Vice Chair Myers led the invocation, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

III. PLAQUE PRESENTATION/INTRO OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chairman Williams and Ms. Mire presented Ms. Rothschild with a plaque commemorating her Board service. The Board also introduced Mr. Dukes and Mr. Thorns, Jr. (absent) as its newest Board members.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

Secretary Leak made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Myers, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the December 4, 2023, meeting as written and circulated (Exhibit A).

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Myers made a motion, which was seconded by Secretary Leak, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to enter Executive Session to "conduct strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body," relative to: Office of the Commissioner, Division of Administration; June 28, 2023 Commissioner's decision, regarding contracts between the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board and Constantine Cannon, LLP (La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2)). Vice Chair Myers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Blanchard, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to end the Executive Session and resume open meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Website Redesign: Ms. Mire informed Board members that Mr. Travis has been reaching out to companies for proposals to redesign the LREAB website. Ms. Mire stated that funds for the project were allocated through the Appraisal Subcommittee grant.

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2. Appraisal Subcommittee: Ms. Mire stated that the Board received a preliminary audit report from the Appraisal Subcommittee regarding its 2023 records inspection. The report advises, in part, that the current Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Law will need to be revised no later than during the 2025 legislative session to address federal laws relative to fair housing education.

3. Appraisal Grant: Ms. Mire stated that the Board will be reapplying for another Appraisal Subcommittee grant. The three-year grant may include opportunities for technology updates, staff training, education, and other related matters. Ms. Mire asked Board members to advise of any specific ideas they would like added to the grant proposal.

4. AARO Conference: Ms. Mire reminded Board members of the upcoming AARO Conference in Nashville, TN and requested that membership decide if they will attend the conference as quickly as possible due to limited accommodations and imminent registration deadlines.

VII. BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Yu presented the Board's budget as of February 2024 (Exhibit B).

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Executive Order JML 24-05, "Identifying, Quantifying, and Mitigating the Adverse Effects of Illegal Immigration on Louisiana;" review of existing Board practices; mandatory reporting. Ms. Mire led a discussion of Executive Order JML 24-05 (Exhibit C). Ms. Mire provided an overview of the Order to the Board members and stated that the Board will need to provide a report to the Governor's office. Mr. Devillier added that the report is due around mid-May and that it will be submitted to the Board members to review at the next meeting.

2. CY 2023 Legislative Oversight Reports. Ms. Mire directed the Board members to view annual, oversight reports that Board staff submitted to its various oversight entities, including reports relative to Act 270 (2018 R.S.) (Exhibit D), Act 483 (2022 R.S.) (Exhibit E), Act 486 (2022 R.S.) (Exhibit F), and Act 590 (2022 R.S.) (Exhibit G).

3. Proposed Resolution No. 2024-001; Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services; Celia R. Cangelosi. Secretary Leak made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Myers, and unanimously approved *via* roll call vote to approve the proposed resolution and proposed professional legal services contract.

4. Consideration of Act 393 (2023 R.S.), relative to electronic meetings and disability accommodations; Proposed Resolution No. 2024-002 and Rulemaking. Ms. Mire provided an overview to the Board members regarding Act 393 (2023 R.S.) and explained that the conference room will require technology updates to fully comply with the Act. Vice Chair Myers made a motion,

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which was seconded by Secretary Leak, and unanimously approved *via* roll call vote to approve the proposed resolution and to authorize the proposed rulemaking in accordance with applicable law.

5. 2024 Regular Session, Louisiana Legislature; legislative update. Mr. Devillier informed the Board of numerous relevant instruments including but not limited to HB 109, HB 179, HB 180, HB 599, HB 716, SB 60, and SB 332. During discussion of HB 716 and SB 60, Ms. Mire noted that the Board already has licensing reciprocity with all other states due to the Board's federal oversight and related laws and regulations.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Myers made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Secretary Leak, and unanimously approved.