

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
August 5, 2015**

The Connecticut Real Estate Commission convened on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in Room-119 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Commissioners Present: Joseph B. Castonguay, Acting Chairman (Broker – 2nd District)
Lana K. Ogrodnik (Broker – 5th District)
Amy Bergquist (Broker – 1st District)
Linda C. Burnham (Salesperson – 2nd District)
Morag L. Vance (Public Member – 4th District)
Theodore F. Ells, Esq. (Public Member- 3rd District)

Commissioners Absent: Joseph H. Kronen (Public Member – 1st District)

Commission Vacancy: Salesperson (1)

Attorney General's Office: None

DCP Staff Present: Michele Erling
Vicky Bullock
Kelly Harvey
Robin Washbond
Richard Maloney

Public Present: Christopher Conti Norberto Rondinella
Susan Campbell Shawn Council
Cheryl Hilton Leslie Hammond
Erin Kemple Beth Mecteau
Lorraine Doonan Kevin Smith
Eric Coleman

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Commissioner Castonguay stated that he will serve as Acting Chairman for today's meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogradnik, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 Connecticut Real Estate Commission meeting as amended.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

None

OLD BUSINESS

Michael Daly

It was moved by Commissioner Burnham, Commissioner Ells 2nd, and the motion carried to deny Mr. Daly's application for a Salesperson license. Commissioner Bergquist recused herself from this matter.

FORMAL HEARING - CONTINUING EDUCATION

It was moved by Commissioner Ogradnik, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the motion carried to add Lorraine Doonan, Norberto Rondinella and David Taylor to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogradnik, Commissioner Burnham 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to add Christopher Conti to the agenda.

The following individuals have met the requirements for compliance:

- **Chris Cykley, RES.0779588** – Compliant
- **Margaret Leicach, RES.0783823** – Compliant
- **Glenn Manigault, RES.0765818** – Civil Penalty waived by DCP
- **Ennever Reid, RES.0757431** – Civil Penalty waived by DCP
- **Deborah Rowe, RES.0783260** – Compliant
- **Lisa San Miguel, RES.0790401** – Compliant
- **Kevin Smith, RES.0793341 (Appeared)** – Compliant (Civil Penalty paid on 8/5/15)

- **Norberto Rondinella, RES.0791288 (Appeared)**
It was moved by Commissioner Ells, Commissioner Burnham 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to waive the civil penalty subject to receipt of a medical note from Mr. Rondinella's doctor. Examiner Kelly Harvey will provide Mr. Rondinella with options for reinstating his Salesperson license.

It was moved by Commissioner Burnham, Commissioner Vance 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to suspend the Real Estate licenses listed below and that notice will be sent to each licensee and their respective Broker that all requirements for compliance, if not met, must be received by the Department no later than the close of business on September 4, 2015, and that failure to comply by this date will result in revocation of their license.

1. **Karen Brancoforte, RES.0759847**
2. **Mara Dutoit Levine, RES.0793550**
3. **Josephine Jenkins, RES.0766436**
4. **John Knapp, RES.0776633**
5. **Stephen Reich, RES.0790557**
6. **Alison Shipley, RES.0773316**
7. **Victor Walka, RES.0708160**
8. **Theodore Warsawski, RES.0767400**

9. **David Taylor, RES.0784111**

It was moved by Commissioner Burnham, Commissioner Ells 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to deny Mr. Taylor's request for a waiver of the civil penalty.

10. **Shawn Council, RES.0758140 (Appeared)**

Attorney Shawn Council appeared before the Commission with Senator Eric Coleman.

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Burnham 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously that the imposed civil penalty of \$250.00 stands.

It was moved by Commissioner Ogradnik, Commissioner Bergquist 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously that the individuals listed below may not reinstate their Salesperson license until all requirements for compliance have been received by DCP.

- **Cheryl Farley, RES.0766033**
- **Adam Tomaszewski, RES.0778380**
- **Lorraine Doonan, RES.0793769 (Appeared)**
- **Christopher Conti, RES.0780614 (Appeared)**

NEW BUSINESS

○ **Potential Fair Housing Mandatory Course for 2016 – 2018**

Erin Kemple, Executive Director of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, and realtors Cheryl Hilton and Leslie Hammond appeared before the Commission to request that 'Fair Housing' be included as a mandatory three-hour continuing education course requirement starting with the 2016-2018 CE cycle. They believe that it is imperative that agents receive additional training in fair housing laws as there is a widespread lack of understanding by both agents and brokers as to what their obligations are under the law. The Commission will review the information presented and continue discussion on this matter at their next meeting on October 7, 2015.

○ **Informational - New Broker Requirements for 2016**

Director Richard Maloney discussed Public Act No.15-98 (*An Act Concerning Licensure Requirements for Real Estate Brokers*) and explained that new pre-licensing requirements for brokers become effective July 1, 2016 which will require the development of new courses in Real Estate Broker Principles and Practices, and Legal Compliance.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

2013-331

It was moved by Commissioner Vance, Commissioner Ogradnik 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to accept the consent agreement as presented by DCP.

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Examiner Kelly Harvey commented on the Department's LEAN Event, which is Connecticut's statewide process improvement program to improve efficiency. Examiner Harvey informed the Commission that the Department will streamline the real estate school and course application process by requiring real estate schools to submit all course applications electronically. The new electronic submission procedure will be announced at the September Real Estate Instructor's Seminar.

Commissioner Bergquist stated that she will assist Commissioner Ogradnik with reviewing school and course applications.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Ogradnik, Commissioner Bergquist 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Washbond
Commission Secretary

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 713-7230.

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The next meeting of this Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 9:15 am in Rm-126