

MINUTES
South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board
Board Meeting

9:30 a.m., February 9, 2011
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

1. Meeting Called to Order

Carlton Segars, Jr., Vice Chair, called the regular meeting of the Real Estate Appraisers Board to order at 9:39a.m. Other members present for the meeting included Andrew Johnson, Joel Norwood, and Terrence O'Brian.

Mr. Segars announced that the meeting was held in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building.

Staff members participating in the meeting included Jay Pitts, Administrator; Lisa Hawsey, Administrative Assistant; Michelle Sims, Administrative Assistant; Paula Magargle, Legal Services; Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel; Sharon Wolfe, Investigator and Laura Smith, Compliance Coordinator.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Herbert Sass, Ann King, and Rhonwen Newton all received excused absences.

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board approve the absences. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the October 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board approve the October 28, 2010 minutes. Mr. Norwood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. Chairman's Remarks – Herbert R. Sass, III

There were no remarks made during the meeting.

6. Administrator's Remarks – Jay Pitts

a. Number of Investigations & Open Complaints – Sharon Wolfe

Mrs. Wolfe briefed the Board that during 2010 there was 62 complaints and of those 39 has been closed. She continued that as of February 8, 2011 there had been eight complaints and three of those have been closed. Mrs. Wolfe answered questions from the Board regarding the number of investigations and complaints.

b. Licensure Update – Laura Smith

Mrs. Smith presented the following licensure numbers to the Board; as of February 8, 2011 there are 3,171 total licensees and of those, 558 licensees have not renewed and if not renewed by 6/30/2011, their license will lapse.

She continued that there are 2,511 active licensees that included:

168 Apprentice Appraisers
269 Licensed Appraisers
1,083 Certified Residential Appraisers
837 Certified General Appraisers
62 Licensed Mass Appraisers
64 Certified Residential Mass Appraisers
28 Certified General Mass Appraisers

Mrs. Smith also stated that there are 102 inactive licenses and that during 2010 there were 273 temporary permits issued and to date, 32 have been issued for 2011.

c. Board Retreat – Jay Pitts

Mr. Pitts addressed the Board and commented that with the appointment of the new Governor and new agency Director, Catherine Templeton, there has been a shift in power. This shift has given many of the responsibilities previously not held by the Boards, back to them. Furthermore, Mr. Pitts informed the Board that he has inherited the Athletic Commission and is now responsible for that Board as well. He continued by informing the Board of staff changes within the agency.

Mr. Pitts informed the Board that one of the policy changes that will affect the Board is that they are now responsible for approving their own travel. Discussion followed as to which members will attend the upcoming Spring AARO Conference that will be held in San Antonio, Texas April 9th through April 11th. Mr. Norwood asked for recommendations on travel and Mr. Pitts stated that he will check the travel budget and inform members via email of the available funds.

7. New Business

a. AMC Legislation

Mr. Pitts stated that AMC legislation has been filed and assuming that it passes, then the Board will need to write regulations to support that legislation. Mr. Pitts recommended to the Board that they plan a Board retreat to meet away from the agency, in a relaxed environment to discuss and propose those regulations. Discussion ensued about proposed dates for the board retreat.

8. Unfinished Business

a. IRC Reports

Mr. Pitts presented copies of the IRC reports to the Board for approval.

MOTION

Mr. Norwood made a motion the Board accept the IRC reports. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9. Disciplinary Hearings

a. **Jesse Stewart**

The Board held a disciplinary hearing regarding Jesse Stewart. Mr. Stewart elected to not be present as he was in Michigan.

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Norwood made a motion the Board enter executive session. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board return to public session. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Jesse Stewart

MOTION

Mr. Norwood made a motion to accept the memorandum of agreement as written and to revoke Mr. Stewart's license. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

b. *Brian S. Keane*

This matter was continued pending the receipt of the executed consent agreement.

10. Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

11. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion the Board adjourn. Mr. Norwood seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The February 9, 2011 meeting of the SC Real Estate Appraisers Board adjourned at 10:26a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Real Estate Appraisers Board is scheduled for May 19th and May 20th, 2011.