State Real Estate Commission June 1, 2022

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Armand N. Ferrara Jr., Chair, Industry Member Joseph Tarantino, Vice Chair, Industry Member Jeffrey J. Johnson, Secretary, Industry Member Anne M. Rubin, Industry Member - Absent

Joseph J. McGettigan, Industry Member

Jennifer Thomson, Esquire, Attorney General Designee Edward L. Seebeck, Cemetery Member

Gaetano P. Piccirilli, Esquire, Public Member - Absent Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

COMMISSION PERSONNEL:

Gerard Leone, Esquire, Commission Counsel Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Commission Prosecutor Timothy A. Fritsch, Esquire, Commission Prosecution Liaison

Krista Linsenbach, Commission Administrator Dean Picarella, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

Carole Clark-Smith, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel

Shawn Jayman, Esquire, Commission Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher Beadling, President, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors Lisa Aaron, Professional Standards & Education

Manager, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors

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1 CHAIR FERRARA: 2 We're looking for approval of the draft minutes from our May 3, 2022 meeting. 3 4 MR. TARANTINO: 5 So moved. 6 MR. MCGETTIGAN: 7 Second. MS. LINSENBACH: Call for the vote. 10 11 Armand Ferrara, aye; Joseph Tarantino, aye; Jeffery Johnson, aye; Joseph 12 13 McGettigan, aye; Jennifer Thomson, aye; 14 Arion Claggett, aye. 15 [The motion carried unanimously.] 16 17 [Carole Clark-Smith, Counsel , noted the meeting was 18 being recorded, and those who continued to participate 19 were giving their consent to be recorded. 20 She also noted the Commission met in Executive 21 Session prior to the public meeting.] 22 23 Report of Prosecutorial Division 24 [Ray Michalowski, Esquire, Senior Commission 25 Prosecutor, informed Commission members that Timothy

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Smith is moving to another agency but would be hiring
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   someone fairly quickly. He also informed Commission
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   members that Angela Solomon would be going on
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   maternity leave soon and is currently transferring
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   cases to Shawn Jayman. He noted he would be taking on
   Ms. Solomon's roles and working with new counsel in
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   getting everything up to speed.]
   Report of Commission Counsel - No Report
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   [Gerard Leone, Esquire, Commission Counsel, provided a
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   brief summary of his professional background.
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        Shawn Jayman was introduced as a new member of
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   Commission counsel and that he is only attending the
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   meeting to help.]
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   Report of Commission Chairperson - No Report
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   Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report
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   Report of Commission Administrator
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   [Krista Linsenbach, Commission Administrator,
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   announced renewals ended yesterday and went fairly
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   smoothly this year. She reported over 80 percent of
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   licensees have renewed across-the-board. She noted a
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   small number who submitted renewals but their
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- prerequisite did not, including salespersons whose brokers did not renew, associate brokers whose brokers did not renew, and broker of record or broker of corporation licenses whose other license did not renew.
- Ms. Linsenbach reported a total of 91

 applications still pending because the other licensee

 in a combination did not renew, 12 associate brokers

 whose employee broker did not renew, and 163

 salesperson licenses who submitted a renewal but their

 broker did not renew.

- Ms. Linsenbach stated that the licensees would be allowed to transfer the renewal fee paid for the renewal application they submitted toward a reactivation or initial application. She noted individuals who want to use the fee toward their application to bring their license back to active status must contact Commission staff.
- Ms. Linsenbach mentioned that staff would be sending out special applications, noting there is a 60-day window, and individuals must reach out to staff directly to get those special applications. She stated that anyone who does it on the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) without contacting them would not get the renewal fee applied. She commented that

individuals are not permitted to practice until their
license is restored to active status, and their
license is considered expired and should cease

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- Ms. Linsenbach addressed support tickets, noting they were current with support tickets up until the end of last week and gave a shout-out to the Real Estate Commission staff for a fantastic job.
- Christopher Beadling, President, Pennsylvania
 Association of Realtors, asked whether the Commission
 would be reaching out to the 200 or so people who
 would receive special treatment to explain what is
 happening.
- Ms. Linsenbach offered to explore notification with her chain of command but could not guarantee that would happen based on all the other post-renewal issues.
- Mr. Beadling stated that the Pennsylvania
 Association of Realtors (PAR) would be happy to do an
 email to help those people are in this situation
 because of their brokers.
- Mr. Tarantino commented that it is the brokers' responsibility to make sure all their people are renewed as opposed to the Commission, noting they may be just licensees and not belong to the association.

Ms. Linsenbach offered to discuss the issue further with PAR.

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Mr. Beadling suggested the Commission update the reactivation process on their website and/or PALS explaining the process as opposed to people calling the Commission or PAR and asked whether there would be information provided on the State Real Estate Commission website explaining the process to not renew. He mentioned not seeing a reactivation application on PALS that is causing confusion.

Ms. Linsenbach explained that individuals who did not renew are going to have to submit a full reactivation on PALS and believed the main Real Estate Commission website directs individuals to log into PALS for a reactivation application.

Acting Commissioner Claggett commented that the Commission could look at adding instructions for reactivation as far as renewals but thinks that is listed on the application checklist on the PALS homepage.

Ms. Linsenbach provided details when accessing any applications and making changes to the current license.

Mr. Beadling mentioned receiving a call at the PAR Solution Center, where someone had not renewed but

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is still showing an active license and asked how long the process takes to change the status for future inquires.

Acting Commissioner Claggett noted it takes about seven days and offered to put an explanation on the Commission website.

Lisa Aaron, Professional Standards & Education
Manager, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors,
requested information regarding a timeline in the
reactivation process.

Ms. Linsenbach explained that there are a myriad of factors that play into how long the process takes, noting working about two weeks behind. She noted the status could be checked by logging into PALS to see if it is active. She noted applicants would also receive an email if something is wrong on the application.]

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18 Report of Committees - Education/Examination

19 MR. LEONE:
20 Agenda item 2. Would the Commission,

having met in Executive Session and having deliberated, entertain a motion to approve the Application of Danielle
Rosado to sit for the Broker's Exam?

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                  McGettigan, aye; Jennifer Thomson, aye;
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                  Arion Claggett, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   MR. LEONE:
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                  Agenda item 3. Having met in Executive
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                  Session for deliberation, would the
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                  Commission entertain a motion to reject
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                  the Broker Real Estate Academy CE titled
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                  Market Like a Rock Star?
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                  Arion Claggett, nay.
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   [The motion carried. Arion Claggett opposed the
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   motion. ]
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   MR. LEONE:
                  Agenda item 4. Having met in Executive
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                  Session for deliberation, would the
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                  the Timeshare Course Outline?
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   MR. TARANTINO:
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                  aye; Jeffery Johnson, aye; Joseph
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                  McGettigan, aye; Jennifer Thomson, aye;
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                  Arion Claggett, aye.
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    [The motion carried unanimously.]
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12 Report of Committees - Enforcement (Informal 1 2 Conference) MR. LEONE: 3 4 Once again, having met in Executive 5 Session, would the Commission entertain 6 a motion to preliminarily deny the Application of Ashley Maletto for a 8 License as a Salesperson and to give her 9 a right to an informal hearing? 10 MR. TARANTINO: 11 So moved. 12 MR. MCGETTIGAN: Second. 13 14 MS. LINSENBACH: 15 Call for the vote. 16 17 Armand Ferrara, aye; Joseph Tarantino, 18 aye; Jeffery Johnson, aye; Joseph 19 McGettigan, aye; Jennifer Thomson, aye; 20 Arion Claggett, aye. 21 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 22 2.3 Old/New Business 24 [Christopher Beadling, President, Pennsylvania 25 Association of Realtors, congratulated everyone on a

smooth renewal process. He reported fewer calls concerning the renewal deadline this year than in previous cycles. He noted receiving many compliments regarding the renewal resource page created and thanked Ms. Linsenbach for all of her work helping to put that together.

Mr. Beadling commented that PAR is focused and moving forward on messaging their members as it relates to renewing or activating licenses and will be working to provide resources and take calls to keep the onus off Commission staff.

Mr. Beadling announced the hosting of the 2022 PA Realtor Day on the Hill and expect to have about 200 realtors and visiting members of the General Assembly. He noted there would be 1031 lifetime exchange discussion, stating that Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that does not recognize a 1031 exchange for state tax purposes and puts them at a significant disadvantage when people are looking at reinvestment and redevelopment.

Mr. Beadling welcomed the Commission's new legal counsel, noting PAR, especially Chief Counsel Hank Lerner, is available for anything they may need going forward.]

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