

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

March 9, 2020

The Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board held its regular business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to regular call, of which all members of the board were duly notified, at which meeting the following members were present:

BOARD

Kara A. Platt, Chair
Robert E. McKinnon, Jr., Vice Chair
Mark Major
Terry L. Myers
Robert L. Russell
F. Troy Williams
Margaret K. Young

STAFF

Bruce Unangst, Executive Director
Arlene Edwards, Legal Counsel
Summer Mire, Deputy Director
Anne Brassett, Program Administrator
Logan Cockerham
Tom Devillier
Mark Gremillion
Nikki Senegal
Henk vanDuyvendijk
Jenny Yu

Board members Windy Hartzog, Carter Leak, and Rebecca Rothschild were unable to attend the meeting.

GUESTS

Cheryl Bella
Melissa Bond
Janis Bonura
Joe Gendron, Louisiana Bankers Association
Mitch Kapoulas

Call to Order

Ms. Platt called the meeting to order. Mr. McKinnon called roll to ensure that a quorum was present. Mr. Williams led the Invocation; Ms. Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Major, the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were approved as written and circulated.

Budget Report

Ms. Yu provided the budget report for the period ending February 29, 2020 (*See Attachment A*). The budget has a surplus of \$73,000 and cash flow is good.

Director's Report

Director Unangst has been busy preparing for the upcoming legislative session. He turned the meeting over to Ms. Mire, who provided a cost summary for dedicated email accounts, iPads, etc., for the Board. Members viewed a short video from "OnBoard", who received the highest recommendation for this service. Aside from functionality, this company is good from a liability issue standpoint. Mr. Williams made motion, seconded by Mr. Russell, to proceed with entering into a Professional Services Contract with "OnBoard". Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

Director Unangst advised that a “placeholder” bill clarifying the definition of USPAP has been pre-filed. He requested feedback from the Board as to whether they want to move forward with this legislation or wait until federal changes are made. Following discussion, Mr. Russell made motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to withdraw the bill until such time as federal agencies have completed their revisions to USPAP. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Devillier will communicate this with the author of the bill.

New Business

Director Unangst provided an overview of HB 579, which clarifies that any administrative action brought against Board members in Louisiana will be covered by the Office of Risk Management, etc. He and Mr. Devillier met with Senators Johns and Davis to discuss indemnification of Board members from action, and being able to make decisions without the threat of a suit. They will meet with the Governor’s Executive Counsel on Wednesday to further discuss this issue and hope to gain support from the Governor’s Office. After speaking with other state boards, it appears that they are very much in favor of this bill.

Executive Session

Director Unangst reported that the Middle District issued a “stay” regarding our pending litigation; therefore, an executive session was not necessary.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Russell.

Kara Platt, Chairperson

Rebecca Rothschild, Secretary