

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD  
November 19, 2019

The Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board held its regular business meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November, 19, 2019, 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  
Rebecca A. Rothschild, Secretary  
Terry L. Myers  
Robert L. Russell  
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  
Telly Hollis  
Ryan Shaw  
Jenny Yu

Board members Windy Hartzog, Carter Leak, Mark Major, and Troy Williams were unable to attend the meeting

**GUESTS**

Melissa Bond  
Janis Bonura  
Kimona Hogan  
Joe Mier

**Call to Order**

Ms. Platt called the meeting to order. Mr. Russell led the Invocation; Ms. Platt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Mr. Russell and seconded by Ms. Young, the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting were approved as written and circulated.

**Public Comment**

Director Unangst opened the floor for comments on Act #454 (2018 Regular Session), to which there were none.

**Budget Report**

Ms. Yu provided the budget report for the year ending June 30, 2019 (*See Attachment A*). Revenue is up by \$20,000.00 due to license renewal.

**Investigative Matters**

Mr. Devillier presented an overview of the Stipulations and Consent Orders (*See Attachment B & C*).

Mr. Russell made motion, seconded by Ms. Young, to approve the stipulation and consent order issued in Case No. 2018-1499: Mitchell E. Kapoulas. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. McKinnon made motion, seconded by Mr. Myers, to approve the stipulation and consent order issued in Case No. 2019-1921: Kristen O. Crouch. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Devellier provided a compliance update, noting that 16 complaints have been filed thus far. Four (4) of those have been closed, and he expects to have everything wrapped up by early next year.

### **Director's Report**

Director Unangst attended a hearing on evaluations in Washington, DC. He disagrees with the recent issuance of a concept paper issued that calls for amending the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). He believes that a departure rule is the best way to handle the matter, also noting that it should be implemented nationally, rather than by state. He has not had any negative feedback on this issue. If the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) and Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) do not move forward, the Board can accomplish the departure issue by proposing legislation to do so. Director Unangst has met with Joe Gendron, LBA, who will support same.

Mr. Mier addressed the Board, advising that Director Unangst "knocked it out of the park" with his presentation in DC. Ms. Bonura agreed with Mr. Mier, also advising that we need to lead the pack with departure, rather than waiting for the AQB/ASC to do so.

Director Unangst advised that bills need to be pre-filed by the end of February. He, Ms. Edwards, LREAB members and staff, LBA, Appraisers Coalition, etc. need to work together on drafting language as soon as possible.

### **Unfinished Business**

Ms. Shaw provided an update on StateReporting.com, which is anticipated to launch early next year. Staff will begin compiling and entering continuing education records for appraisers who recently renewed for the 2020-2021 license cycle so that this information can be transferred to StateReporting.com. Ms. Shaw also noted that the update on the LREAB website should be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2020.

### **New Business**

Following discussion regarding proposed meeting dates for next year, Ms. Young made motion, seconded by Mr. Russell, to approve the 2020 business calendar as agreed on (*See Attachment D*).

Mr. Russell advised that there is good cohesion with the officers currently in place on the Board; he made a motion to keep things as they are now. Ms. Young seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

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

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Kara Platt, Chairperson

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Rebecca Rothschild, Secretary