



State of Louisiana  
LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR

NOVEMBER 14, 2022  
MINUTES

On Monday, November 14, 2022 the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board (“LREAB” and/or “Board”) conducted its regularly-scheduled, monthly meeting in-person and at the Board’s domicile office located at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1430 *et seq* and other applicable law.

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Rebecca Rothschild, Chair (At Large)

Ms. Margaret Young (2<sup>nd</sup> CD)

Mr. Troy Williams, Vice Chair (At Large)

Mr. Robert Russell, Secretary (4<sup>th</sup> CD)

Mr. Daniel Blanchard (1<sup>st</sup> CD)

Mr. Carter Leak, IV (5<sup>th</sup> CD)

**Board Members Absent:**

\*Michelle Foret (At Large – LA Bankers)

Mr. Terry Myers (3<sup>rd</sup> CD)

Mr. Bennett Oubre (6<sup>th</sup> CD)

Ms. Kara Platt (5<sup>th</sup> CD)

\*Ms. Foret resigned her position with the Board due to new employment.

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director

Mr. Mark Gremillion

Mr. Thomas Devillier, Executive Counsel

Ms. Telly Hollis

Ms. Anne Brassett

Mr. Henk vanDuyvendijk

Ms. Allison Burnette

Ms. Jenny Yu

Ms. Malissa Fowler



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**Others Present:**

Ms. Melissa Bond

Ms. Janis Bonura

Ms. Diana Jacob

Mr. Lenny Kapolowski

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Rothschild called the meeting to order. A roll call was conducted in an open meeting. See attendance detailed above. Secretary Russell called roll to ensure a quorum was present. Vice-Chairman Williams led the invocation; Chairwoman Rothschild led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Secretary Russell made motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 business meeting as written and circulated. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Mire advised that online renewals are open. She provided a status update regarding the number of appraisers and appraisal management companies that have renewed to date (*See Attachment A*).

Director Mire distributed flyers from The Regulatory Academy detailing a conference they will be holding in Baton Rouge on February 10, 2023 (*See Attachment B*). This conference is open to any Board members interested in attending.

Grant money from the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) is still available, and has been extremely beneficial to our Board.

**IV. BUDGET REPORT**

Ms. Yu provided the budget report for the period ending October 31, 2022 (*See Attachment C*). Revenue is up from this time last year due to ASC grant money.

Board members reviewed the **Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures** (*See Attachment D*). The report from Mr. Glover was favorable.



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**V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Lenny Kopolowski, who serves as representative of the Louisiana Mobile Homeowner's Association, appeared before the Board to address the possibility of offering continuing education courses to appraisers. Members agreed that this would be beneficial, and see this as a positive for the appraisal industry. Mr. Blanchard will provide Mr. Kopolowski with contact information for the Louisiana Chapter of the Appraisal Institute and Louisiana Appraisers Coalition.

Melissa Bond provided a slide show to introduce the Board to the **Mississippi Practical Appraiser Training Course (MPAT)**. She stressed that this is *not* PAREA, but offers another pathway to licensing. Appraisal reports are non-traditional, non-client, and done in a learning, meaningful experience. Students are instructed via virtual and onsite training. At the end of the training, students must perform 20 appraisal reports (to be provided by Ms. Bond) on their own, after which the Mississippi Real Estate Appraisers Board selects and reviews a minimum of three (3) reports to verify USPAP compliance and determine eligibility to sit for the "Licensed Residential Appraiser" examination. Ms. Bond currently has six (6) appraisers/mentors to assist her. She noted that the Board's role in this program is very minimal.

Ms. Bond advised that there is no cost whatsoever to students; the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) is very excited about this program, and provides grant money/funding for it. Without funding, the cost would likely range anywhere between \$12,000 to \$14,000 per student. Thus far, Ms. Bond has focused on areas of the state that have a need for more appraisers. She decides who will be accepted into the program, based on desire and interest. Vice Chairman Williams inquired as to whether or not Ms. Bond would be able to handle Louisiana on her own, or would she need another appraiser to assist. She noted that she already has mentors in place, if needed.

Director Mire is submitting grant proposals to the ASC. If the Board wishes to offer this MPAT Course/Training in Louisiana, additional funding would be necessary and need to be requested.

Vice-Chairman Williams made motion, seconded by Ms. Young, to pursue getting the program to Louisiana, and requesting grant money to fund it. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Director Mire provided an overview of the Board's proposed **Strategic Plan 2023-2026** (*See Attachment E*). She asked members to review the plan and contact her with any questions they may have.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

On motion and resolution by Ms. Young, and seconded by Secretary Russell, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to retain and employ Ms. Arlene Edwards as special and general counsel for legal advice, adjudication, and litigation assistance (*See Attachment F*).



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Members reviewed the proposal from Larry Disney relative to assisting the Board with appraisal complaints (*See Attachment G*). On motion made by Secretary Russell and seconded by Mr. Blanchard, the Board voted to hire Mr. Disney on a contractual basis. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

After reviewing Janis Bonura's proposal to assist the Board with complaints (*See Attachment H*), Mr. Blanchard made motion, seconded by Ms. Young, to hire Ms. Bonura as a contractual reviewer. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Young made motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to enter into executive session to "conduct strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body," relative to: *Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board et al v. Office of Risk Management et al*, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, C716050, Div. 22 (See R.S. 42:17 (A)(2)). Motion passed without opposition.

Secretary Russell made motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to call the regular session of the open meeting back to order. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairwoman Rothschild made motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to adjourn. Motion passed without opposition.

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Rebecca Rothschild, Chairwoman

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Robert Russell, Secretary