

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Kansas Real Estate Commission
June 17, 2024

The Kansas Real Estate Commission held its regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

Commissioners Present:

Natalie Moyer, Chairperson
Bryon Schlosser, Member

Jacqueline Kelly, Vice-Chairperson
Marsha McConnell, Member

Commissioners Absent:

Clarissa Harvey, Member

Staff Present:

Erik Wisner, Executive Director
Amber Nutt, Education Director
Lindsey Bowes, Legal Assistant
Stephanie Nelson, Senior Licensing Specialist
Tim O'Brien, Real Estate Specialist/Investigator

Alycia Smith, Licensing Director
Wendy Alkire, Deputy Director & Compliance Director
Cindy Boswell, Real Estate Specialist/Senior Investigator
Lynn Comfort, Real Estate Specialist/Auditor
Madison Sawyer, Administrative Officer

Kansas Real Estate Commission Legal Counsel:

Nicole Turner, Assistant Attorney General
Spencer Taylor, Assistant Attorney General
Sydney Walsh, Assistant
Lisa Mendoza, First Assistant Attorney General

Members of the Public:

Mark Barker	Lauren Sams	Annelise Henley	Kim Bischler	Kathy M.
Arianna Waddell	Adam Crowder	Ronda Tackett	Todd Woodburn	Katelyn Taylor

Call to Order

Ms. Moyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the April, 8 2024 Meeting

Ms. McConnell moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024, meeting. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing of Jennifer Flores, Docket 24-1962

HB 2745 Implementation (Military Spouse Waiver)

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law HB 2745. This bill exempts spouses of active military servicemembers who reside or plan to reside in Kansas due to the assigned military station of the individual's spouse from all occupational licensing, registration, and certification fees. This law goes into effect July 1, 2024

Mr. Schlosser moves the Commission grant the authority to staff to revise all application forms to add a question that states, "Are you the spouse of an active military servicemember who resides or plans to reside in Kansas due to the assigned military station of your spouse?" to determine eligibility for the fee exemption in 2024 HB 2745 starting on July 1, 2024. Ms. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlosser moves the Commission approve amendments to K.A.R. 86-1-5 to exempt spouses of active military servicemembers from all original application and license fees, KBI background check fees, and renewal application fees and grant the Executive Director the authority to work with counsel, the Department of Administration, and the Attorney General's office on language to affect these amendments. Ms. McConnell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Education and Communication Report

Staff has approved 3 pre-license courses and 113 continuing education courses for FY24. Pearson VUE has administered 2,648 exams with an overall pass rate of 57%. Ms. Nutt provided an update on progress for the new KREC agency website with an anticipated go-live date in mid-August. Changes to the Pearson VUE exam forms went live on June 11, 2024, for the state portion and will go-live August 8, 2024 for national portion.

Licensing Report

As of May 2024, there are 19,053 licensees, which is a decrease of 203 compared to May 2023. There are 195 pending applications (47 salesperson, 12 broker, and 136 fingerprint-only files). This is a decrease of 72 applicants compared to May 2023.

Compliance Report

Staff has received 304 complaints and completed 304 compliance reviews so far in FY24. Compliance courses are scheduled for August 20, 2024, and November 14, 2024, for BRRETA and August 28, 2024 and November 20, 2024 for Broker Supervision.

Director's Report

The real estate fee fund balance as of May 31, 2024, is \$1,517,256 which is up \$140,770 for FY24. Real estate fee fund receipts for FY24 are \$1,214,526 and real estate fee fund expenditures for FY24 are \$1,088,310. Background investigation fee fund receipts for FY24 are \$95,580 and the real estate recovery fund receipts for FY24 are \$20,114.

Mr. Wisner provided an update on the new licensing system and on legislative and policy matters. The 2024 Legislature passed bills granting KREC authority to issue cease and desist orders and updating statutes related to KBI criminal history checks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.