

**Louisiana Real Estate Commission**  
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

**JULY 16, 2025**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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On Wednesday, July 19, 2025, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its Education Committee meeting in-person and at the Commission’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.

**Commission Members Present:**

Mr. Joseph Pappalardo, Jr., Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 7)	Ms. Synde Devillier, Vice Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 6)
Mr. Theodore Major, Secretary (At-Large)	Ms. Hanna Chustz (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)
Ms. Paula Duncan (Sup. Ct. Dist. 3)	Mr. Jeff Free (Sup. Ct. Dist. 2)
Ms. Carole Horn (At-Large)	Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)

**Commission Members Absent:**

Mr. Tony Cornner (3 <sup>rd</sup> Congress. Dist.)	Ms. Doneva Halphen (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1)
Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)	

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director	Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir./Exec. Counsel
Ms. Debbie DeFrates	Ms. Dusty Evans
Ms. Malissa Fowler	Mr. Mark Gremillion
Mr. Jeremy Travis	

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### **Others Present:**

Mr. Wardell Coward

Mr. Brent Lancaster, Bob Brooks Schools

Mr. David Trimble, Burk Baker School of Real Estate

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pappalardo called the meeting to order at or about 2:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None.

### **III. COURSE APPROVAL GUIDELINES**

Vice Chair Devillier led a discussion on the revised course approval guidelines. Ms. Mire provided an overview of the changes to the document including course subject matter guidelines, requirements for learning objectives, details on developing detailed course outlines, instructor qualifications, and understanding the instructor approval process. Ms. Mire also mentioned the revised guidelines include a sample course outline for vendors to utilize. Chair Pappalardo commended the LREC staff on the great work revising the document. Chair Pappalardo asked whether the guidelines would be posted on the LREC website and shared with schools and vendors. Ms. Mire confirmed they would.

### **IV. DISCUSSION OF 2026 MANDATORY COURSE TOPIC**

Vice Chair Devillier opened the floor for suggestions for the 2026 Mandatory Course Topic. Secretary Major suggested the idea of artificial intelligence as a topic. Commissioner Smith-Coward suggested that four hours on artificial intelligence may be too much and suggested focusing on multiple one-hour subjects which would include artificial intelligence. Mr. Lancaster agreed with Commissioner Smith-Coward and added that topics he's been receiving calls about primarily deal with professionalism and courtesy among real estate licensees. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the 2026 mandatory course should focus on one-hour modules that cover an array of topics. Ms. Mire restated the topics that the Commissioners have been discussing which were updates to the LREC Mandatory Forms, artificial intelligence, buyer brokerage agreements, and wholesaling. Additionally, the Commissioners decided to add a four-hour broker mandatory course dealing with property management and broker responsibility.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Devillier made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Free, and unanimously approved.