

Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

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MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, February 19, 2026, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its Education Subcommittee meeting in-person 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:

Ms. Synde Devillier, Chair (Sup. Ct. Dist. 6) Mr. Tony Cornner, Vice Chair (3rd Congress. Dist.)
Ms. Doneva Halphen, Secretary (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1) Ms. Hanna Chustz (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)
Mr. Jeff Free (Sup. Ct. Dist. 2) Ms. Carole Horn (At-Large)
Mr. Theodore Major (At-Large) Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)
Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)

Commission Members Absent:

Ms. Paula Duncan (Sup. Ct. Dist. 3) Mr. Joseph Pappalardo, Jr. (Sup. Ct. Dist. 7)

Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir. / Exec. Counsel
Ms. Celeste Amezcua Ms. Dusty Evans
Mr. Jeremy Travis

Others Present:

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Mr. Luke Bullock, Louisiana REALTORS	Mr. Wardell Coward
Mr. Brent Lancaster, Bob Brooks School of Real Estate	Mr. Eric Landry, Louisiana REALTORS
Ms. Ginger Maulden, Louisiana REALTORS	Mr. Norman Morris, Louisiana REALTORS
Mr. David Trimble, Burk Baker School of Real Estate & Appraising, LLC	Ms. Chelita Woods, Fathom Realty

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Devillier called the meeting to order at or about 9:30 a.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

III. DISCUSSION OF THE 2027 MANDATORY COURSE TOPIC

Commissioner Horn led a discussion on the 2027 Mandatory Course topic. Commissioner Horn stated that during the discussion, the Commission would also decide on the need for a broker mandatory course in 2027. Commissioner Horn then introduced Mr. Morris and Ms. Maulden to discuss the commercial alternate for the 2026 Mandatory Course.

Commissioner Horn then continued the discussion on the 2027 Mandatory Course by suggesting updates to the Commission’s rules as a possible topic. Commissioner Smith-Coward agreed with Commissioner Horn on the topic and added fair housing as additional content. Secretary Halphen asked for content involving some of the most common offenses seen by the Commission’s compliance division. Ms. Mire added that license law should be included if the Commission decides to move forward with rules updates as the mandatory topic. Commissioner Major commented that he would like to add content on artificial intelligence. Commissioner Ritchie asked vendors in attendance if they had seen any other state real estate commissions offer a course on the subject. Mr. Lancaster replied that he had not seen any commissions offer a course. Mr. Lancaster added that due to quickly evolving topic of artificial intelligence, any course involving the subject could become outdated by the time a course is fully developed for licensees. Mr. Devillier added vacant land scams as a possible topic dealing with fraud and technology. Mr. Lancaster suggested law of agency and dual agency as possible topics.

Commissioner Horn completed the discussion by asking the Commissioners to continue to think about topics discussed during the meeting and be prepared to choose a final topic at the next Education Committee meeting on March 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Mire then provided the Commissioners with a timeline for choosing a mandatory course topic and sending a request for proposal to vendors interested in developing the course.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Horn made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Chustz, and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at or around 9:50 a.m.