

Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

FEBRUARY 19, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, February 19, 2026, the Louisiana Real Estate Commission (“LREC” and/or “Commission”) conducted its regularly scheduled, monthly 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 (3 rd 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)
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Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director	Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Dep. Dir. / Exec. Counsel
Ms. Arlene Edwards, General Counsel	Ms. Celeste Amezcua
Ms. Karen Carey	Ms. Paityn Davis
Ms. Dusty Evans	Ms. Malissa Fowler
Ms. Telly Hollis	Ms. Jessica Neal

Ms. Allison OToole

Mr. Jeremy Travis

Ms. Nikki Wallace

Others Present:

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 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance details above. Commissioner Major led the invocation, and Commissioner Free led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Chair Devillier welcomed Former Commissioner Shelita Woods who was in attendance at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ritchie made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the January 22, 2026, Regular Meeting (Exhibit A) as written and circulated.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget. Commissioner Smith-Coward reported regarding the Commission's current budget report (Exhibit B).

2. Education. Commissioner Horn provided a brief recap of the Education Subcommittee meeting that was held earlier in the day.

3. Legal / Legislative.

Review of 2025 Oversight Reporting. Mr. Devillier led a discussion relating to 2025 oversight reports. Mr. Devillier directed the Commissioners to reports involving Act 483 (2022 R.S.) and Act 590 (2022 R.S.).

Discussion of 2026 Regular Session, Louisiana Legislature; Relevant Legislation. Mr. Devillier

led a discussion on potential legislation relevant to the Commission. Mr. Devillier then introduced Mr. Morris to discuss legislation Louisiana REALTORS plans to present during the 2026 Regular Legislative Session. Mr. Morris, along with Mr. Landry, provided an overview of their legislation involving “wholesaling” and directed the Commissioners to a draft of the proposed legislation. Mr. Landry stated he worked with Mr. Devillier on the language of the proposed legislation, and sought guidance from other states with similar legislation, including Delaware, Oklahoma, and South Carolina. Mr. Landry added that the proposed legislation does not seek to prohibit “wholesaling,” but instead offer guardrails to ensure consumer protection. Commissioner Ritchie questioned the exclusion of commercial real estate property from the proposed legislation. Mr. Landry replied that the practice of “wholesaling” was more prominent in residential real estate. Mr. Landry and Mr. Devillier then both agreed to include commercial real estate in the proposed legislation. Mr. Devillier continued with a review of the proposed legislation. The report concluded with Mr. Morris suggesting to move the enforcement date of the proposed legislation from January 1, 2027, to August 1, 2026.

4. Standardized Forms. None.

5. Technology. Vice Chair Cornner stated the Commission will begin the preliminary steps to renovate the Commission’s meeting room.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. New Staff. Ms. Mire introduced Ms. Paityn Davis who recently joined the Commission as a member of the Education Division. Ms. Mire also announced that Ms. Guy, currently serving as the Commission’s receptionist, will soon join the Compliance Division once a replacement has been found to fill her current role.

2. ARELLO Mid-Year Conference Reminder. Ms. Mire reminded the Commissioners to register for the upcoming conference.

3. Licensee Count. Ms. Mire provided the Commissioners with an updated licensee count.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Halphen made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and

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unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at or around 11:03 a.m.