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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 19, 2026
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, March 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 (3 rd Congress. Dist.)
Ms. Doneva Halphen, Secretary (Sup. Ct. Dist. 1)	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)	Mr. Theodore Major (At-Large)
Mr. Joseph Pappalardo, Jr. (Sup. Ct. Dist. 7)	Mr. Matt Ritchie (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)
Ms. Gladys Smith-Coward (Sup. Ct. Dist. 5)	

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

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

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Others Present:

Ms. Holly Horn Broussard

Ms. Natalie Cooper, Louisiana REALTORS

Ms. Brandi Coupel, Bob Brooks School of Real Estate

Mr. Wardell Coward

Mr. Kenneth Damann, Greater Baton Rouge Association of REALTORS

Mr. David Trimble, Burk Baker School of Real Estate & Appraising, LLC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Devillier called the meeting to order at or around 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 made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Ritchie, and unanimously approved to adopt “Winning with Compliance: Real Estate Laws and Rules for a Changing Industry” as the 2027 mandatory course topic.

Vice Chair Cornner then led a discussion on the possible need for a broker mandatory course on teams compliance. Commissioner Chustz suggested that fraud should be a topic discussed in a proposed course as well. In the course of discussion, Mr. Devillier also noted that vacant land scams should be addressed in some manner if a real estate fraud prevention course is pursued. After additional discussion, Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Chair Devillier, and unanimously approved to not have a broker mandatory course for 2027.

Ms. Mire presented details to the Commission regarding the next steps for the mandatory course and sending a request for proposals to education vendors.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Horn made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved. Education Subcommittee meeting adjourned at or around 9:45 a.m.