

Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 19, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, March 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 (3rd 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. Arlene Edwards, General Counsel Ms. Celeste Amezcua
Mr. Rhett Bordelon Ms. Karen Carey
Ms. Malissa Fowler Ms. Telly Hollis
Ms. Jessica Neal Mr. Jeremy Travis
Ms. Nikki Wallace Ms. Jenny Yu

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 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

Commissioner Horn introduced her daughter who was visiting the Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Halphen made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the February 18, 2026, Legal/Legislative Committee Meeting (Exhibit A), the February 19, 2026 Education Committee Meeting (Exhibit B), and the February 19, 2026, Regular Meeting (Exhibit C) as written and circulated.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

2. Education.

2027 Mandatory Course Topic. Commissioner Horn provided a brief recap of the Education Subcommittee meeting that was held earlier in the day. During the meeting, the Commissioners voted to select the mandatory course topic for 2027.

2026 Commercial Mandatory Alternative. Ms. Mire provided information on the proposed addition of a commercial alternative mandatory course developed by Louisiana REALTORS®. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Cornner, and unanimously approved to adopt "Money Matters & RPR for Commercial Agents" as the Mandatory Course Commercial Alternative for 2026.

3. Legal / Legislative.

Consideration of Proposed Consent Agreement – Docket No. 2026-0054; – In re: Nicholas J. Dodge: Mr. Devillier introduced the proposed March 19, 2026, *Consent Agreement and Final Order* for Docket No. 2026-0054, and related exhibit evidence (Exhibit E). Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement, factual summary of the case, and the proposed terms and conditions included in the agreement. Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to formally adopt the proposed consent agreement and related exhibit evidence as presented. Commissioner Duncan recused herself prior to voting.

Consideration of Proposed Administrative Rules and Resolution 2026-001. Mr. Devillier led a discussion regarding the proposed administrative rules in consideration of Executive Order JML-25-038. Mr. Devillier provided a recap of the revision process leading to today’s discussion and provided the Commission with the next steps of the rules revisions process. Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 2026-001. Mr. Devillier completed the discussion by announcing the resolution will be published in the April 2026 edition of the LA Register.

2026 Legislative Session Bill Review. Mr. Devillier led a discussion regarding Louisiana’s 2026 Legislative Session and certain bills that the Commission intended to track. Mr. Devillier also stated that staff would provide the Commission with updates at its next meeting.

Louisiana State Police / CJIS Non-Criminal Justice Agency Audit Report (2026-2028). Mr. Devillier led a discussion on the Non-Criminal Justice Agency Audit. Mr. Devillier stated that in 2022 when the Commission began its fingerprinting background check process, members of the Commission staff were required to complete an on-boarding process. The onboarding and continuing audit process is required to be completed every three years. On March 13, 2026, the Commission completed the continuing audit process and received a clean, approved report.

4. Standardized Forms. None.

5. Technology. None.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Continuing Education Audit. Ms. Mire provided details on the upcoming continuing education audit that the Commission’s Compliance Division would begin in the next few weeks. Ms. Mire stated that physical and electronic communications will be sent to licensees and their brokers who are included in the audit for failure to timely complete the required annual education.

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

3. Ethics Course. Ms. Mire reminded the Commission that the deadline to complete the annual ethics disclosure is May 15.

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4. June 2026 Meeting. Ms. Mire stated that the June 2026 Commission meeting will need to be moved to June 25th as she and several Commissioners would be attending the ARELLO conference and have schedule conflicts. Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Chustz, and unanimously approved to move the date of the June 2026 Commission meeting to June 25, 2026.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Re-Enrollment in LA Dept. of Justice's Occupational License Review Program (OLRP). Ms. Mire led a discussion on the proposed annual reenrollment in the Department of Justice's OLRP. After a brief discussion, Secretary Halphen made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved to reenroll in the OLRP.

2027 RISC Errors and Omissions Renewal. Ms. Mire led a discussion on the reenrollment in the Rise Insurance Services Center (RISC) group errors and omissions program. Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, and unanimously approved to reenroll in the group errors and omissions program.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Horn made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Secretary Halphen, and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at or around 11:15 a.m.