

Louisiana Real Estate Commission
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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MAY 28, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

On Thursday, May 28, 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) Ms. Cindy Dyer (Sup. Ct. Dist. 4)
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)
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 Mr. Rhett Bordelon
Ms. Karen Carey Ms. Paityn Davis
Ms. Dusty Evans Ms. Malissa Fowler
Ms. Brandi Guy Ms. Telly Hollis
Ms. Jessica Neal Ms. Allison OToole
Mr. Jeremy Travis Ms. Nikki Wallace
Ms. Tiffany Williams Ms. Jenny Yu

Others Present:

Ms. Keary Coffin, Sprig Real Estate, LLC

Ms. Natalie Cooper, Louisiana REALTORS

Mr. Luke Bulloch, Louisiana REALTORS

Mr. Wardell Coward

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the March 19, 2026, Education Committee Meeting (Exhibit A), and the March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting (Exhibit B) as written and circulated.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

1. Case No. 2026-0346; In re: Attori J. Shine: Mr. Shine requested an eligibility determination and applied for authorization to obtain a real estate license in accordance with La. R.S. 37:1430 *et seq.* Mr. Shine was placed under oath by Ms. Connelly. Mr. Devillier presented information regarding procedure and questioned Mr. Shine, who confirmed on record that he waived all objections to introduction of the proposed *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order*, related email correspondence, and exhibit evidence (Exhibit C). Secretary Halphen made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved to introduce all records and exhibit evidence submitted *en globo*. Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement and factual summary of the case, including but not limited to a summary of Mr. Shine's criminal history records information and other details that led to Mr. Shine appearing before the Commission. Mr. Shine then provided testimony and answered Commissioner questions. Following Mr. Shine's testimony, Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, to formally adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order and related exhibit evidence and to deny Mr. Shine's authorization to obtain a real estate license in accordance with law. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed 8-3 with Commissioners Duncan, Major, and Smith-Coward voting in opposition.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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2. Education; 2027 Mandatory Course. Commissioner Horn provided a brief recap of the Education Subcommittee meeting that was held earlier in the day. During the meeting, the Commissioners discussed and selected Burk Baker School of Real Estate & Appraising, LLC as the education provider for the 2027 mandatory course.

3. Legal / Legislative:

Consideration of Proposed Consent Agreement – Docket No. 2025-1651; – In re: Anthony Giglio: Mr. Devillier introduced the proposed May 28, 2026, Consent Agreement and Final Order for Docket No. 2025-1651 and related exhibit evidence (Exhibit E). Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement and factual summary of the case, including but not limited to the issuance of the proposed consent agreement. Commissioner Pappalardo made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved to formally adopt the proposed consent agreement and related exhibit evidence as presented.

Consideration of Proposed Consent Agreement – Docket No. 2026-0331; – In re: Christian K. Touchet: Mr. Devillier introduced the proposed May 28, 2026, Consent Agreement and Final Order for Docket No. 2026-0331 and related exhibit evidence (Exhibit F). Mr. Devillier provided an opening statement and factual summary of the case, including but not limited to the issuance of the proposed consent agreement. Vice Chair Cornner made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Horn, and unanimously approved to formally adopt the proposed consent agreement and related exhibit evidence as presented.

Consideration of Public Comments; re: LREC's Proposed Rules & April 20, 2026, Louisiana Register, Notice of Intent: Mr. Devillier led a discussion on the proposed administrative rules in consideration of Executive Order JML-25-038. Mr. Devillier provided a recap of the rules revision process and provided the next steps following publication of the Commission's Notice of Intent in the April 2026 edition of the Louisiana Register. Mr. Devillier stated that no public comments were received, and no person made an appearance to make comments at the meeting. Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, and unanimously approved to move forward with submission of all necessary records to the Louisiana Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for further review.

Consideration of Louisiana Department of Revenue, Office of Debt Recovery, Agency Participation Agreement. Mr. Devillier led a discussion on the consideration of the Louisiana Department of Revenue's (LDR), Office of Debt Recovery (ODR), *Agency Participation Agreement*. Following a discussion of the details of ODR's collection services and the *Agency Participation Agreement* itself, Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Vice Chair Cornner, and unanimously approved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the *Agency Participation Agreement* on behalf of the Commission.

2026 Legislative Session Bill Review. Mr. Devillier led a discussion regarding the Louisiana Legislature's 2026 Regular Session and certain bills that the Commission had been monitoring.

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4. Standardized Forms; Discussion of Potential Changes to Mandatory Forms. Secretary Halphen stated that a Standardized Forms Committee meeting may be needed to discuss possible changes to the Commission's mandatory forms in response to Acts 708 (Rep. Carver) and 807 (Rep. Hebert) (2026 Reg. Sess.). Following some discussion, Sec. Halphen stated that a meeting date will be determined at a later time.

5. Capital Assets and Technology. None.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Staff Introduction. Ms. Mire introduced Ms. Shelbi Jones as the newest member of the Commission staff. Ms. Jones will serve as an office administrator and receptionist.

2. Consideration of Legal Counsel Contract Renewal – Arlene Edwards (Deslatte & Edwards, LLC) (FY 2026-27). Ms. Mire led a discussion regarding the contract renewal of Ms. Arlene Edwards. Secretary Halphen made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith-Coward, and unanimously approved to authorize the contract renewal for Ms. Edwards.

3. Consideration of Legal Counsel Contract Renewal – James R. Raines (Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP) (FY 2026-27). Ms. Mire led a discussion regarding the contract renewal of Mr. James R. Raines and the law firm of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP. Commissioner Horn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo, and unanimously approved to authorize the contract renewal of Mr. Raines.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cornner made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Secretary Halphen and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at or around 11:30 a.m.