Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board State of Louisiana

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COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MAY 19, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

On Monday, May 19, 2025, the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board ("LREAB" and/or "Board") conducted its regularly scheduled meeting in-person and at the Board's domicile office located at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 in accordance with La. R.S. 37:3391 *et seq* and other applicable law.

Board Members Present:

Mr. H. Carter Leak, IV, Chair (5th CD)

Mr. Daniel A. Blanchard, Vice Chair (1st CD)

Ms. Vanessa V. Vey, Secretary (At-Large) Mr. Grayson Boucher

Mr. Montrell G. Dukes (At-Large) Mr. Bennett E. Oubre (6th CD)

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Terry L. Myers (3rd CD) Ms. Kara A. Platt (5th CD)

Staff Present:

Ms. Summer S. Mire, Executive Director Mr. Thomas E. Devillier, Deputy

Director/Executive Counsel

Ms. Arlene C. Edwards, General Counsel Mr. Rhett Bordelon

Ms. Allison Burnette Ms. Karen Carey

Ms. Malissa Fowler Mr. Mark Gremillion

Mr. Jeremy Travis Ms. Nikki Wallace

Ms. Jenny Yu

Others Present:

Ms. Janis Bonura Mr. F. Troy Williams, Fmr. LREAB Chairman

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairman Leak called the meeting to order at or about 10:00 a.m. A roll call was conducted in open meeting. See attendance detailed above. Acting Chairman Leak led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING

Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Acting Vice Chair Blanchard, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2024, meeting as written and circulated (Exhibit A).

IV. PLAQUE PRESENTATION: MR. F. TROY WILLIAMS, IMMEDIATE-PAST CHAIRMAN

Acting Chair Leak presented Mr. F. Troy Williams with a plaque commemorating his tenure as Board Chairman.

V. 2025 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Vice Chair Blanchard made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Oubre, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to nominate Mr. Leak as Chairman.

Mr. Oubre made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Boucher, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to nominate Mr. Blanchard as Vice Chairman.

Vice Chair Blanchard made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Oubre, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to nominate Ms. Vey as Secretary.

VI. REVIEW OF 2024 OVERSIGHT REPORTING

Ms. Mire led a discussion regarding various legislative oversight reports submitted on behalf of LREAB for CY 2024. The reports related to Act 270, Act 483, Act 486, and Act 590 from prior legislative sessions and to Executive Order JML 25-008. Ms. Mire stated that all reports have been submitted to the appropriate oversight authorities.

VII. DISCUSSION OF 2025 REGULAR SESSION; LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Devillier updated the board regarding the ongoing 2025 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. Mr. Devillier began by providing an overview of HB 288. Mr. Devillier stated the legislation has passed the House Commerce Committee and House Floor without any opposition. The legislation is now awaiting introduction in the Senate Commerce Committee. Mr. Devillier also discussed HB 460, which proposes to appropriate funds towards LREAB legal expenses.

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VIII. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER JML 25-038 RE: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Devillier led a discussion regarding Governor Landry's *Executive Order JML 25-038*. The executive order requires all state agencies to review a minimum of 100 administrative rules, including but not limited to those rules not revised within the last 20 years, on or before December 31, 2025. Mr. Devillier noted that the LREAB has only 46 administrative rules, so it will be required to conduct a comprehensive audit of all appraiser and appraisal management company rules. Mr. Devillier stated that staff will work to more formally review the rules and regulations for further discussion at the next meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- 1. <u>Proposed Re-Enrollment in LA Dept. Of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (FY 25-26)</u>: Ms. Mire provided the Board with an overview of the Occupational Licensing Review Program and suggested re-enrollment of the program. Mr. Boucher made a motion, which was seconded by Secretary Vey, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to re-enroll in the Occupational Licensing Review program for FY25-26.
- 2. <u>Proposed Resolution No. 2025-001; Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services; Arlene C. Edwards</u>: Ms. Mire led a discussion on the proposed contract renewal for Ms. Edwards. Ms. Mire stated that the contract would be under the same conditions as the year prior. Vice Chair Blanchard made a motion, which was seconded by Secretary Vey, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to authorize the proposed contract for Ms. Edwards.
- 3. <u>Proposed Resolution No. 2025-002; Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services; James R. Raines & the firm of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.</u>: Ms. Mire reviewed the proposed contract for legal services for Mr. Raines. Following a brief discussion, Vice Chair Blanchard made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Oubre, and unanimously approved via roll call vote to authorize the proposed contract for Mr. Raines (Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.).
- 4. <u>License Renewal Period</u>: Ms. Mire provided an update on the current license renewal period. The renewal period will end on June 30, 2025.
- 5. <u>HVAC System</u>: Ms. Mire provided an update on the timeline of the HVAC system replacement.

IX. BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Yu reviewed the Board's budget report (Exhibit B).

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Blanchard made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Secretary Vey, and unanimously approved.