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> 1000 Washington Street, Suite 710 Boston, Massachusetts 02118

November 29, 2023

Public Minutes

Members in attendance:

Peter Ruffini, Chairman Kathy Condon, Member Robert Jones, Member Linda Kody, Member – joined at 2:00 p.m.

Administrative Staff in attendance:

Jenna Hentoff, *Board Counsel* Kristin Mitchell, *Executive Director* Colleen Cavanaugh, *Associate Executive Director*

Call to Order – Peter Ruffini opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Vote on Minutes:

October 25, 2023 Public minutes October 25, 2023 Executive minutes

A motion was made by Kathy Condon and seconded by Robert Jones to approve the minutes as drafted and presented.

Voted: To unanimously approve the public and executive minutes listed above as presented.

Roll Call vote. In favor: Kathy Condon, Robert Jones, Peter Ruffini

Executive Director Report

Kristin Mitchell informed the Board of the following information:

LAYLA R. D'EMILIA UNDERSECRETARY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS REGULATION

SARAH R. WILKINSON COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE Since the Board's last meeting (10/25/23), the Board has received 355 applications for exam.

Since the Board's last meeting, the Board has issued 312 licenses:

- 232 Salesperson by exam
- 22 Broker by exam
- 24 Businesses
- 9 Attorney Brokers
- 18 Reciprocal Salespersons
 - 7 Reciprocal Brokers

The Board members were reminded of PSI's staffing shortage. Board members were notified that Board staff is working to close the gap in application approval on the Board side as quickly as possible.

Board Counsel Report

Jenna Hentoff had nothing to report.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

January 24, 2024 February 21, 2024 March 20, 2024 April 17, 2024 May 22, 2024 June 26, 2024 July 24, 2024 August 21, 2024 September 18, 2024 October 23, 2024 November 20, 2024 December 18, 2024

A motion was made by Kathy Condon and seconded by Robert Jones to approve the above schedule for 2024 Board meetings.

Voted: To unanimously approve the 2024 Board meeting schedule

Roll Call vote. In favor: Kathy Condon, Robert Jones, Peter Ruffini

Discussion

A) Regulation Review – tabled.

B) Education Subcommittee Report – Kristin Mitchell provided the report for the Education Subcommittee's November meeting. The subcommittee discussed guidelines for review of submitted continuing education courses and possible information to be provided to those teaching prelicensure education. Discussion of courses were tabled to allow for all members to be present.

A motion was made by Kathy Condon and seconded by Robert Jones to accept the Education Subcommittee Report.

Voted: To unanimously approve the November Education Subcommittee Report

Roll Call Vote. In favor: Kathy Condon, Robert Jones, Peter Ruffini

Application Review

Leon Wilburn – He submitted a reinstatement application for his broker license. He has professional discipline with the Board. In a consent agreement, his license was suspended for at least 20 days for a continuing education violation related to his 2014 license renewal or until he completes 12 CEs. His license is still suspended as he did not complete the required CEs. He applied for inactive status on his reinstatement application. The Board directed him to appear before the Board again once the CEs have been completed in compliance with the consent agreement. He wants an inactive license here so he would only have to complete those 12 CEs.

Matters Not Anticipated by the Board

Nothing to report.

At 10:50 a.m., a motion was made by Robert Jones and seconded by Kathy Condon and it was so

Voted: To Exit Open Session and enter Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C for the purpose of conducting investigatory conferences.

Roll call vote. In favor: Robert Jones, Kathy Condon, Peter Ruffini

At 11:48 a.m., a motion was made by Kathy Condon and seconded by Robert Jones and it was so

Voted: To Exit Closed Session for the purpose of conducting investigatory conferences and enter Closed Executive Session to comply with the public records

law pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10 and G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) to protect highly personal information relating to a named individual pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and to discuss individuals' character rather than competence pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1).

Roll call vote. In favor: Kathy Condon, Robert Jones, Peter Ruffini

At 12:06 p.m., the Board exited Closed Executive Session and entered Closed Quasi-Judicial Session for the purpose of conducting adjudicatory conferences pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d).

At 12:40 p.m., a motion was made by Robert Jones and seconded by Kathy Condon and it was so

Voted: To Exit Closed Quasi-Judicial Session and enter Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C for the purpose of conducting investigatory conferences.

Roll Call vote.

In favor: Robert Jones, Kathy Condon, Peter Ruffini

During closed session, the Board took the following actions:

2023-000355-IT-ENF – tabled (Peter Ruffini recused) 2023-000344-IT-ENF- dismiss/ open new complaint 2023-000375-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000380-IT-ENF- dismiss/ open new complaint 2023-000392-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000396-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions/ open new complaint 2023-000415-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions 2023-000423-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000439-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000440-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000448-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000456-IT-ENF- dismiss/ open new complaint 2023-000459-IT-ENF- dismiss/ open new complaint 2023-000462-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000487-IT-ENF- dismiss 2023-000491-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions 2023-000492-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions 2023-000519-IT-ENF- dismiss 2022-001036-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions/ open new complaint (Kathy Condon recused) 2022-000217-IT-ENF- return to Prosecutions (Robert Jones recused) 2022-000222-IT-ENF- dismiss with advisory (Robert Jones recused) 2022-000687-IT-ENF - refer to Prosecutions (Robert Jones recused)

At 3:23 p.m., a motion was made by Linda Kody and seconded by Kathy Condon and after roll call it was so

Voted: To exit closed session and enter open session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting

In favor: Linda Kody, Kathy Condon, Peter Ruffini

Respectfully Submitted by:

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12/20/23

Kristin Mitchell, Executive Director

Date

List of documents used during the Public Meeting:

- November 29, 2023 meeting agenda
- October 25, 2023 Public minutes
- October 25, 2023 Executive minutes
- Application documents for Leon Wilburn