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August 18, 2022

Public Minutes

Members in attendance:

Peter Ruffini, Chairman
Kimberly Allard, Member
Robert Jones, Member
Linda Kody, Member

Administrative Staff in attendance:

Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Kristin Mitchell, Executive Director
Colleen Cavanaugh, Associate Executive Director

Public in attendance:

E James Veara	Holly Haines	Jeff Schreiber
Justin Davidson	Kate Lanagen MacGregor	Lisa Luther
Lisa Still	Sandra Carroll	Whitney McNamara
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Call to Order – Peter Ruffini opened the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Minutes:

Tabled

Executive Director Report

Kristin Mitchell informed the board that since the last meeting 813 applications have been received from PSI. She also gave the following information regarding licenses that have been issued in the last month and the breakdown is as follows:



- 621 licenses have been issued
- 16 broker by exam
- 28 Atty Broker
- 15 Recip Broker
- 495 Sales by exam
- 38 Reciprocal Sales
- 3 Schools

Ms. Mitchell informed the board that the instructors list has been updated. The list consists of all the current board approved instructors. All Instructors can continue to practice until otherwise notified by the board. The topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Board Counsel Report

Peter Kelley confirmed that the changes to the Open Meeting Law, allowing for remote participation in open meetings by members and the public has been extended until the end of March 2023.

Application Review

Jeffrey Schreiber – reinstatement prior professional discipline 2012 reprimand from Indiana Bar- charging an unretainable fee. He has practiced law for 40 years. In Indiana, he thought that it was permissible to accept a nonrefundable retainer. The client had disappeared for a bit and deflected all her creditors to them. Once we was told the law had changed, he refunded the money.

A motion was made by Linda Kody and seconded by Kimberly Allard:
to allow him to continue with the application process

Roll call vote.

In favor: Peter Ruffini, Linda Kody, Kimberly Allard, Robert Jones

E James Veara– Attorney Broker- law license was suspended for 1 year 1 day in 2018 based upon dishonesty before tribunal/ his license to practice law was reinstated in November 2020 / he has practiced law since 1992/

A motion was made by Linda Kody and seconded by Kimberly Allard:
to allow him to continue with the application process

Roll call vote.

In favor: Peter Ruffini, Linda Kody, Kimberly Allard, Robert Jones

Verria Hairston -no show

James Watt - Salesperson PSI –EL license current and in good standing- board staff will process. No further action taken.

Lisa Still – Instructor application – does not have a salesperson or brokers license/ she is an attorney / board recommends she obtain an AB license
Board has taken this application under advisement and a determination will be made at a later date if needed

Discussion

Holly Haines, COO with MLS in MA. Looking to find direct contact with the board to verify active disciplined licensees.

Next Meeting:

The next monthly board meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 10am.

The regulation meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 1pm-4pm. The board will get a copy of the Draft Regulations before this meeting.

The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 10am.

The board request a member of the Office of Investigation attend one of the next meetings.

At 12:16 p.m. A motion was made by Kimberly Allard and seconded by Robert Jones and it was so

Voted: To exit public session and enter Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) To discuss individuals' character, rather than professional competence

Roll call vote. In favor: Peter Ruffini, Kimberly Allard, Linda Kody, Robert Jones

At 1:17 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Jones and seconded by Linda Kody and it was so

Voted: To exit Executive Session and enter Closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C for the purposes of conducting settlement and investigative conferences.

Roll call vote. In favor: Peter Ruffini, Kimberly Allard, Linda Kody, Robert Jones

During closed session the Board took the following actions:

2021-000343-IT-ENF- refer to prosecutions

2022-000242-IT-ENF-Invite licensee in for October meeting

2022-000260-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000268-IT-ENF- refer to Office of Investigations

2022-000276-IT-ENF- Invite licensee in

2022-000277-IT-ENF- Invite licensee in

2022-000284-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000286-IT-ENF- refer to prosecutions

2022-000299-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000318-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000321-IT-ENF- refer to prosecutions

2022-000329-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000331-IT-ENF- dismiss/ open complaint against respondent for ceus

2022-000332-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000359-IT-ENF- dismiss with advisory/ open complaint for ceu's

2022-000365-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000375-IT-ENF- refer to the Office of Investigations

2022-000415-IT-ENF- refer to Prosecutions

2022-000417-IT-ENF- dismiss without prejudice

2022-000440-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000444-IT-ENF- Invite licensee in

2022-000452-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000465-IT-ENF-dismiss

2022-000473-IT-ENF-dismiss

2022-000531-IT-ENF- dismiss with advisory

2022-000533-IT-ENF- dismiss

2022-000536-IT-ENF- refer to prosecutions

At 4:30 p.m. A motion was made by Robert Jones and seconded by Linda Kody 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: Peter Ruffini, Linda Kody, Kimberly Allard, Robert Jones

Respectfully Submitted by:



Kristin Mitchell, Executive Director

9/26/22

Date