

**Minutes of the Maine Real Estate Commission Meeting
January 20, 2022**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Edie Fontaine, Acting Chair	Catherine Pendergast, Director
Leanne Nichols	Jeffrey Hill, Deputy Director
Gail Rizzo	Elizabeth Moulton, Office Specialist I
Jane B. Towle	Misty Robinson, Office Specialist I
Forrest C. Peterson	Lisa Wilson, AAG
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	

Location: Virtual **Start:** 9:02 a.m. **Adjourn:** 1:28 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by Acting Chair Fontaine at 9:02 a.m.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Rizzo to add Qualifying and Continuing Education – 2021 Year End Report and GM’s rule review memo. Unanimous.

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Rizzo to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Nichols to elect Edie Fontaine Commission Chair and Leanne Nichols Vice-Chair. Unanimous.

V. DECISIONS AND ORDERS

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Rizzo to approve the Decision and Order in case number 2021-REC-17680 as presented. Unanimous.

VI. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Rizzo to approve the proposed consent agreements in case numbers: 2021-REC-17881; 2021-REC-17882; 2021-REC-17883; 2021-REC-17918; 2021-REC-17919; 2021-REC-17955; & 2021-REC-17991. Unanimous.

VII. PROPOSED DISMISSAL

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Rizzo to approve the proposed dismissal in case number 2019-REC-155147; 2019-REC-15578; & 2019-REC-15875. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Rizzo to send 2019-REC-15616 back to staff for further review. Unanimous.

VIII. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Peterson to handle the confidential licensing issue for CH as a regular CE violation with sanction. Fontaine, Rizzo, Towle and Peterson affirmative. Nichols opposed.

A motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Nichols to send the confidential licensing issue for PE back to staff for additional information. Unanimous.



Fontaine turned off her camera and microphone and recused.

A motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Towle to handle the confidential licensing issue for DD as a regular CE violation with sanction. Rizzo, Towle and Peterson affirmative. Nichols opposed.

Fontaine turned on her camera and microphone and re-entered the meeting.

The Commission continued the discussion of rule changes.

The Commission discussed the MAR Qualifying and Continuing Education document.

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle to require sales agent licensees take a core course. Unanimous (?).

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Rizzo to create a work group to further discuss and advertising issue, designated broker liability and the GM memo. Unanimous.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Attorney Dan Walker commented on the rule's discussion regarding advertising.

Geoff MacLean discussed his memo.

X. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 which will be held in person at the office in Gardiner.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m. Unanimous.