

**Minutes of the Maine Real Estate Commission Meeting
October 19, 2023**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Edie Fontaine, Chair	Catherine Pendergast, Director
Leanne Nichols, Vice Chair	Jeffrey Hill, Deputy Director
Jane B. Towle	Lisa Wilson, AAG
Forrest C. Peterson	Regina Ritchie, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Charles Brawn	Shara Chesley, Office Specialist I
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	
Charles Brawn	

Location: 221 State Street Augusta, ME

Start: 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: 12:40 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chair Fontaine at 9:00 a.m.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Peterson to add Dismissal 2023-REC-18902 and Consent Agreements, 2023-REC-19499 and 2023-REC-19562 to the agenda. Unanimous.

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Peterson to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting. Unanimous.

IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2023-REC-19357 Director v. Jodi L. Beeler

Hearing Officer – Rebekah Smith opened the hearing at 9:05 a.m. Jodi L. Beeler was present and representing herself. The Director was present. AAG John Belisle presented the Director’s case.

Public deliberations were conducted at the close of the hearing.

1. A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle that a conviction exists pursuant 10 M.R.S. §8003(5-A)(A)(3) and 5 M.R.S. §5301(2)(B) and a preponderance of the evidence did not meet the burden of proof that Beeler was sufficiently rehabilitated. Unanimous.
2. A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle that a preponderance of the evidence proved a violation pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §13067-A(2). Towle, Nichols and Fontaine voted affirmative. Peterson opposed. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Nichols that the preponderance of the evidence demonstrated that Beeler did not meet the requirements of 32 M.R.S §13191(5). Unanimous.

A motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Towle to deny the application. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Peterson to allow Commission Chair Fontaine to sign the Decision and Order when it is written. Unanimous.

Hearing ended at 12:06 p.m. Recording was stopped.

V. DISMISSALS

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Nichols to approve the dismissal in case numbers: 2020-REC-16990; 2021-REC-17197; 2021-REC-17229; 2021-REC-17230; 2023-REC-18902. Unanimous

VI. CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Nichols recused and left the conference room.

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Peterson to accept Consent Agreement 2023-REC-19562. Towle, Peterson and Fontaine voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Nichols rejoined meeting.

A motion was made by Fontaine and seconded by Nichols to approve the proposed consent agreements in case numbers 2023-REC-19379, 2023-REC-19384; 2023-REC-19400; 2023-REC-19425; 2023-REC-19494; 2023-REC-19495; 2023-REC-19496; 2023-REC-19497; 2023-REC-19499. Unanimous.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Commission discussed a letter requesting mandatory fraud-related for each license renewal period.

The Director requested that topic ideas for the next core course be submitted to staff. Core Course development meetings will begin in January 2024.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Unanimous.