

**Minutes of the Maine Real Estate Commission Meeting
November 18, 2021**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Edie Fontaine, Vice Chair	Karen Bivins, Director
Gail Rizzo	Jeffrey Hill, Deputy Director
Forrest C. Peterson	Bruce Osborne, Field Investigator
Jane B. Towle	Catherine Pendergast, Education Coordinator
Leanne Barschdorf Nichols	Elizabeth Moulton, Office Specialist I
	Tim Steigelman, AAG
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	

Location: Gardiner **Start:** 9:00 a.m. **Adjourn:** 11:48 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A motion was made by Rizzo and seconded by Towle to add revised consent agreement 2021-REC-17554 to the agenda. Unanimous.

III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Rizzo to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

IV. AUDICATORY HEARING – 2021-REC-17680 – Director v. Tricia N. Alexander

Vice Chair Fontaine opened the hearing at 9:05am. Ms. Alexander was present but was not represented by counsel. The Director was present. Commission staff person Bruce Osborne presented the Director’s case. Assistant Attorney General Tim Steigelman was in attendance to advise the Commission.

Public deliberations were conducted at the close of the hearing.

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle that there was evidence to support the allegation in Count I pursuant to 32 M.R.S § 13197(1) and is grounds for discipline under 10 M.R.S § 8003(5-A)(A)(4). Unanimous. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle to order the respondent to pay a fine of \$750.00 within 30 days and that the respondent may use the three hour course completed 08/26/2021 only for the renewal of her license in 07/2021. Unanimous.

V. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle to approve the proposed consent agreements in case numbers: 2021-REC-17554; 2021-REC-17636; 2021-REC-17661; 2021-REC-17724; 2021-REC-17774; 2021-REC-17779; 2021-REC-17780; 2021-REC-17799; 2021-REC-17800. Unanimous.

Nichols recused and left the room.

A motion was made by Towle and seconded by Peterson to approve the proposed consent agreement in case number: 2021-REC-17723. Towle, Peterson, Rizzo and Fontaine in the affirmative.

Nichols re-entered the room.



VI. PROPOSED DISMISSAL

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Rizzo to approve the proposed dismissal in case number 2019-REC-15372. Unanimous.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Commission discussed the continuing education credit deferments and how to proceed with the licensees who have not responded.

The Commission discussed the proposed changes to the Commission rules as presented by the Director. Discussions will continue at future meetings.

The Commission discussed the upcoming core course discussions that will begin in January 2022.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Hammond suggested clarification of the rule pertaining to the prohibition concerning recruitment in pre-license classes.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 which will be held in person at the office in Gardiner.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nichols and seconded by Towle to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Unanimous.