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May 25, 2021 10:00 A.M.

# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A Meeting of the Board of Home Inspectors was held via video teleconferencing on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 under the special meetings provisions as set forth in KRS 61.823 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mitch Buchanan, Chair Paul Ogden, Vice Chair James Chandler Mark Hiten Ralph Halcomb

# KENTUCKY RÉAL ESTATE AUTHORITY

Tatum A. Herrington, Board Administrator Hannah Carlin, Licensing/Education Coordinator Robert Astorino, Executive Director Brian Travis, Investigator

#### **GUESTS**

Jeremy Miller Chris Curtis Steve Keeney Keith Smitson Josh Ross

# **CALL TO ORDER AND GUEST WELCOME**

Board Chair Buchanan called a meeting of the Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors to order at 10:03 a.m. All members were present and a quorum was established. Introductions were made, and guests in attendance were welcomed.

#### **Approval of March Minutes**

Member Ogden made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by member Chandler. With all in favor, the motion carried.

### **KREA Executive Director Comments**

KREA Executive Director Robert Astorino addressed the Board, and stated KREA General Counsel John Hardesty would not be in attendance at today's meeting, but KREC licensing/education coordinator Hannah Carlin is in attendance to discuss the end of the State of Emergency action Plan. Mrs. Carlin stated KREA does not know when the state of Emergency will end, but a plan has been created for when it does. The Board is sending a notice in advance to remind all licensees what actions will occur when the state of emergency does end. Once the state of emergency has ended, the Board will once again notify all licensees. Mr. Astorino stated there is still no return date for being back in the office, but staff will get a thirty (30) day notice.

#### **Licensure Report**

Board Administrator Tatum Herrington gave the licensure report. As of May 25, 2021 there are 667 active licensees, thirty-two (32) inactive licensees, and seven (7) inactive non-renewal licensees, with a total of 706 licensees.

Board Chair Buchanan stated thirty (30) days after the state of Emergency ended, late fees would begin to accrue for licensees who have not yet renewed.

Member Ogden made a motion to have late fees accrue thirty (30) days after the state of emergency ends for licensees who did not complete their 2020 renewal. Member Hiten seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

### Application Committee Report

Board Chair Buchanan, of the application committee, reported the following:

The application committee reviewed seven (7) applications. Of those applications one (1) was deferred, and six (6) were approved.

Board Chair Buchanan made a motion to accept the recommendations of the committee. Member Ogden seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed

#### **Education Committee Report**

Member Hiten, of the education committee, reported and made the following recommendations:

#### **Bluegrass Inspection Institute**

• Safe Practices for the Home Inspector

Member Hiten made a motion to approve the following courses. Member Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.



#### Mckissock 100% Education

- A Guide to Practical and Successful Report Writing
- Online Correspondence: A Guide to Practical and Successful Report Writing

Member Hiten made a motion to approve the following courses. Member Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

- Design of Onsite (Septic) Wastewater Treatment Systems
- Online Correspondence: Design of Onsite (Septic) Wastewater Treatment Systems

Member Hiten made a motion to deny the following courses for being outside of Kentucky's Standards of Practice. Member Chandler seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

# **Complaint Review Committee Report**

Member Chandler, of the complaint committee, reported and made the following recommendations:

- 21-KBHI-001: Member Chandler recommended to defer action on this case for another thirty (30) days.
- 21-KBHI-006: Member Chandler recommended dismissal.

Member Chandler made a motion to accept the motions of the committee. Member Halcomb seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

# **Motion to Approve Timesheets**

Board Chair Buchanan made a motion to approve timesheets. Member Hiten seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

# **Meeting Adjournment**

KREA Executive Director Robert Astorino asked the Board if they should make a decision on the face to face education requirements the Board lifted due to COVID-19.

Member Chandler made a motion to lift the face to face requirements for both the pre-licensing and continuing education courses until 12/31/2021. Member Halcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business to discuss, member Hiten made a motion to adjourn. Member Halcomb seconded this, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.



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I, Robert Astorino, Executive Director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority, have
reviewed and pursuant to KRS 324B.060, have (Approved or Disapproved) the
expenditures of the <u>BHI</u> (Insert name of Board)
as described in these attached minutes.
Meeting Date <u>5/25/2021</u> .
I have not reviewed, nor did I participate in discussions, deliberations, or decisions
regarding, the actions of the Board as it relates to individual disciplinary matters,
investigations, or applicant reviews.  Robert Astorino, KREA Executive Director
Date 7.9.21