

MINUTES

Mississippi Real Estate Commission

July 8, 2025

The Mississippi Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the offices of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission, located in the LeFleur's Bluff Tower, Suite 300, 4780 I-55 North, Jackson, Mississippi. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Chairperson, Vicki Blackwell of the First Congressional District, Vice-Chair Jim Stroo of the Fourth Congressional District, and Commissioner Tony Jones, Member-At-Large; Staff Members in attendance included Investigator Rick Stubblefield, MREC Investigative Contract Worker Johnnie L. Phillips, Acting Executive Director Bryan Lieb, MREC Outside Legal Counsel William Hussey, Administrative Assistant Holly Hood, Accounting Director Victoria Prine, and Administrative Assistant Laura McLain. Guests in attendance included Mark Metcalf, Jo Usry, Nick Neil, Victoria Prowant, Andrea Detrick, Schneika Stokes and David Ostrander. Absent was Brian Gomillion of the First Supreme Court District.

Chair Vicki Blackwell recognized a quorum of the Commissioners present and called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M, followed by a prayer. Thereafter, all present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Previous Commission Meeting Minutes

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 10, 2025. A motion was made by Tony Jones and duly seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried, with votes recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Investigative Reports

Investigators John Phillips and Rick Stubblefield gave reports on their current case investigations and reported those matters that had been before the Investigative Committee and the reviewing Commissioner and which had been recommended for dismissal. A motion was made by Jim Stroo and duly seconded to approve the disposition of the following cases as recommended by the Investigative Committee, legal counsel, and reviewing Commissioner:

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2023-103	Dismiss
2025-09	Dismiss
2024-76	Letter of Caution
2025-07	Dismiss
2025-11	Dismiss

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2024-75	Informal Resolution
2024-46	Letter of Caution
2024-77	Dismiss
2025-18	Dismiss

The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Next Meeting

Upon discussion, it was agreed that the next regular Commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Outside Legal Counsel, William Hussey Report to Commissioners

William Hussey presented a report to the Commission concerning statutory amendments that impact Commission operations and procedures, stemming from the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, which took effect on July 1, 2025. He informed the Commissioners that these new statutory changes have been successfully implemented by the Commission as of that date.

Additionally, William Hussey reported that he will provide a draft of the proposed revisions to the Mississippi Real Estate Commission's Rules and Regulations, as required by the Mississippi Secretary of State's "Tackle the Tape" initiative, which will take effect in 2026. He also noted that he and Bryan Lieb will be meeting with Ron Farris and Amanda Polles to gather their input regarding these revisions to the rules and regulations.

Executive Session

A motion was put forth on the question of whether to close the public meeting to enter an Executive Session. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

In the closed session, a motion was made by Tony Jones and duly seconded by Jim Stroo to enter Executive Session to interview candidates, to discuss the qualifications of specific candidates for the Executive Director position, and other business attendant the selection of a permanent

Executive Director for the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. The motion carried, with votes recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Following the conclusion of the purposes for which the Commission entered into Executive Session, a motion was made by Tony Jones and duly seconded by Jim Stroo to end the Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Thereafter, in the reopened public meeting, it was announced that the Commission had taken no action in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Jim Stroo and duly seconded by Tony Jones that, there being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows and the meeting concluded at 1:05 p.m.

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE



Vicki Blackwell, Chair

Jim Stroo, Vice-Chair


Bryan Lieb, Acting Executive Director

Executive Director for the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. The motion carried, with votes recorded as follows:

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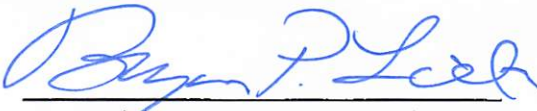
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