

MINUTES

Mississippi Real Estate Commission

June 10, 2025

The Mississippi Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 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, Brian Gomillion of the First Supreme Court 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, Administrative Assistant Michelle Little, and Administrative Assistant Laura McLain. Guests in attendance included Jarrett Magee, Mark Metcalf, Jo Usry, Joe Rogers, Schneika Stokes, Heather Busby, Cade Busby, Robert Praytor, Pam Powers, Farrah Cox, Andrea Detrick, Linda Graham, David Ostrander, Jovaunda Smith, Joe Stedman, Colin Praytor, Shannon Busby, Capital Resources representative, and John Praytor.

Chair Vicki Blackwell 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 of the May 19, 2025 regular scheduled meeting. A motion was made and duly seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Financial Statements

MREC Acting Executive Director, Bryan Lieb, presented an explanation and documentation of the following financial statement: *Period Ending: 05/31/2025 FY'25*. A motion was made and duly seconded that the financial statements be approved as presented, subject to audit. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

NEW BUSINESS

Outside Legal Counsel, William Hussey Report to Commissioners

William Hussey made a report to the Board regarding statutory amendments affecting Commission operations and procedures from the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature. effective July 1, 2025. The statutory changes include:

- Five (5) day email notice requirement to licensees and responsible brokers if applicable prior to any amendment or change to the status of a license.
- One Hundred-Twenty (120) day period prescribed for completion of licensee investigations from the date of service of a Notice of Investigation through issuance of a formal complaint, dismissal or other final disposition; and
- One (1) year period prescribed to conclude an administrative hearing on a formal Complaint once served, with sixty (60) day extension available to accommodate the schedule of the Administrative Hearing Officer, when applicable.

William Hussey reported that the Commission administrative officers and legal staff had been working in preparation to implement the statutory changes on July 1 and expected no issues with implementation.

William Hussey also reported that the Commission budget appropriation had been approved on May 29, 2025 in the 2025 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature. The Commission appropriation was approved at essentially level funding from the prior budget and no requested increase in funding had been approved.

Next Meeting

Upon discussion, it was agreed that the next regular Commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

ARELLO Travel

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve all Commissioner and Commission staff/counsel travel for the ARELLO conferences ARELLO Investigator Conference. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Official Commission Resolutions and Proclamation

A Resolution was read and presented to past Commissioner Joe Stedman. Mr. Stedman was thanked for his years served as Commissioner for the Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

A Resolution and a Plaque recognizing Years of Service was presented by Chairman Blackwell to Robert E. Praytor thanking him for his years of dedication to the Mississippi Real Estate Commission and Mississippi real estate licensees and more than fifty years of public service to the citizens of Mississippi.

A motion was made and duly seconded to dedicate the MREC Conference Room as the Robert E. Praytor Conference Room. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Executive Session

A motion was put forth on the question 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
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

In the closed session, a motion was made and duly seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and matters concerning the business attendant the selection of a permanent Executive Director for the Commission. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE

Following the conclusion of the purpose for which the Commission entered into Executive Session, a motion was made and duly seconded 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
BRIAN GOMILLION	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 and duly seconded that, there being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and votes were recorded as follows:

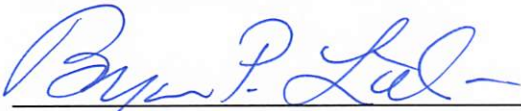
VICKI BLACWELL	AYE
JIM STROO	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE



Vicki Blackwell, Chair



Jim Stroo, Vice-Chair



Bryan Lieb, Acting Executive Director