

# MINUTES

## Mississippi Real Estate Commission

January 13, 2026

The Mississippi Real Estate Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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: Chairman Jim Stroo of the Fourth Congressional District, Vice-Chair Tony Jones, Member-At-Large, and Commissioner Appointee Daniel Case of the Second Supreme Court District. As reflected in the minutes, Commissioner Brian Gomillion of the First Supreme Court District was present upon opening of the meeting but was required to leave the meeting before adjournment due to a previously scheduled commitment. Commissioner Vicki Blackwell of the First Congressional District participated by telephone. Staff Members in attendance included Executive Director Bryan Lieb, Chief Investigator Rick Stubblefield, MREC Contract Investigator Johnnie L. Phillips, MREC Legal Counsel William Hussey, Chief Financial Officer Victoria Prine, Chief Operating Officer Holly Hood, and Administrative Assistant Laura McLain. Guests in attendance included Jo Usry, Dee Denton, Lynette Praytor, David Ostrander, Ron Farris, Mark Metcalf, and Harper Ford.

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

Chairman Stroo introduced and welcomed Mr. Daniel Case as the newly appointed Commissioner by Governor Tate Reeves for the Second Supreme Court District pending confirmation by the Senate.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### *Previous Commission Meeting Minutes*

The Commissioners reviewed the minutes of the December 9, 2025, regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and duly seconded by Commissioner Gomillion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

#### *Financial Statements*

MREC Executive Director Bryan Lieb presented an explanation and documentation of the following financial statement: *Period Ending: 12/31/2025 FY'26*. Mr. Lieb also presented a Financial Report Comparison previously requested by Commissioner Jones. A motion was made by Commissioner Gomillion and duly seconded by Commissioner Jones that the financial

statement be approved as presented, subject to audit. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

Investigative Reports

Investigator John Phillips gave a report on his current case investigations and reported the matter of Case No. 2025-35 had been before the Investigative Committee, counsel, and reviewing Commissioner and had been recommended for dismissal. A motion was made by Commissioner Gomillion and duly seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to approve the disposition of Case No. 2025-35 as recommended by the Investigative Committee, counsel, and reviewing Commissioner. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2025-35	Dismissed

Investigator Stubblefield reported that he did not have any cases to come before the Commission for consideration.

Chairman Stroo announced at 10:05 a.m. that the Commission would take a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and duly seconded by Commissioner Gomillion to approve all Commissioner and Commission staff/counsel travel for all remaining conferences in the calendar year 2026. The motion carried, and votes were recorded as follows:

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

Scheduling of the next MREC Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackwell to schedule the next MREC Commission meeting on February 10, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomillion. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

Text Capabilities for Licensee Communications

Executive Director Bryan Lieb reported to the Commission that after numerous efforts and obtaining several quotes from cellular communications carriers, the targeted communication vendor Mailchimp had confirmed the capability to provide the MREC with the ability to provide both text and email communications of critical licensing information to licensees as important deadlines approach. This would serve as an additional form of beneficial communication of information to specific licensees, and to all licensees when necessary. Following discussion, Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the continued evaluation of Mailchimp's services to determine if Mailchimp can meet the agency's needs for these purposes. Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE
VICKI BLACKWELL	AYE
BRIAN GOMILLION	NAY

Appearance of Carlos Brown before the Commission regarding Application for Licensure

Mr. Carlos Brown appeared before the Commission to seek approval for application and examination for licensure. Mr. Brown introduced himself and his wife Lakesha Brown to the Commission. Mr. Brown explained to the Commission the prior felony charges on his record and stated he took responsibility for an act regarding property theft. Mr. Brown stated that he did not participate in a criminal act but was held accountable for same in his role of supervisor for a previous employer. Mr. Brown stated that he paid a \$2,000.00 fine. Legal Counsel William Hussey interviewed Mr. Brown and the Commissioners questioned Mr. Brown regarding the facts and circumstances of his felony record. Following Mr. Brown's presentation to the Commissioners, Chairman Stroo advised Mr. Brown the Commission would consider his request and inform him of the decision.

Executive Session

A motion was put forth by Commissioner Gomillion on the question of whether to close the public meeting for a closed determination of the need for Executive Session. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

In the closed session, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones and duly seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to enter Executive Session to discuss the background investigation of Carlos Brown and his fitness as an applicant for consideration for licensure by the Commission. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

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

The meeting was closed to the public upon announcement the Commission would enter Executive Session to discuss applicant Carlos Brown's fitness for consideration for licensure by the Commission and approval to sit for licensure examination. Thereafter, Commissioner Gomillion excused himself from the meeting due to a prior commitment. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones and duly seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to allow Carlos Brown to sit for the licensure examination. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE
VICKI BLACKWELL	AYE

Following the conclusion of the purpose for which the Commission entered into Executive Session, a motion was made by Commissioner Jones and duly seconded by Commissioner Blackwell to end the Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

JIM STROO	AYE
TONY JONES	AYE
VICKI BLACKWELL	AYE

Thereafter, in the reopened public meeting, it was announced that in Executive Session, the Commission had approved the request of applicant Carlos Brown to sit for the licensure examination.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackwell and duly seconded by Commissioner Jones that there being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried, and votes of Commissioners present were recorded as follows:

JIM STROO                      AYE  
TONY JONES                    AYE  
VICKI BLACKWELL            AYE

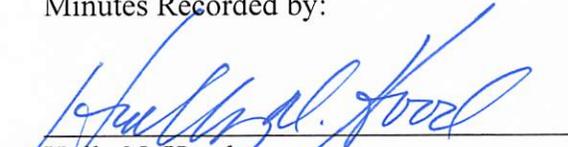
MEETING ADJOURNED, 10:47 a.m.

  
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Jim Stroo, Chairman

  
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Tony Jones, Vice-Chair

  
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Bryan Lieb, Executive Director

Minutes Recorded by:

  
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Holly N. Hood  
Chief Operating Officer