

CONNECTICUT REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 04, 2026

The Real Estate Commission Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chairman Castonguay via Microsoft Teams.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph B. Castonguay, Acting Chairman, Broker - 2nd District
Morag Vance, Public Member - 4th District
Sharon Rinaldi, Salesperson – 5th District
Amy Bergquist, Broker - 1st District
Linda C. Burnham, Salesperson - 2nd District
Theodore F. Ells, Public Member - 3rd District
Peter L. Gray, Broker - 4th District

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

DCP STAFF PRESENT:

Rachelle Hyburg, Board Coordinator
Warouny Syharat-Long, Real Estate Examiner
Jason Cohen, Director of Operations
Jill Conklin, Real Estate Examiner
Anna-Elizabeth Villard-Howe, Staff Attorney

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Abigail Hayward
Stacey Lafferty
Cindy Butts

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, License Services Division.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Review of the November 05, 2025, meeting minutes.
 - Commissioner Gray moved to approve. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

- None

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT

- Review of the complaint status report
 - From the period of 11.01.25 to 01.31.26
 - Cases Opened: 62
 - Cases Closed: 192
 - Common Complaints Received:
 - Advertising violations
 - Misrepresentation
 - Wholesaling practices
 - It was noted that the Department is working on addressing the concerns with wholesaling, starting with requiring a credential which will take effect July 1st.
 - The Commission discussed the various types of complaints that have been investigated by the department. As well as current problems Commissioners have been experiencing in the field.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion on Current Problems in the Real Estate Field
 - Transparency of the financing used when writing up contracts
 - The commission continued discussion on financing details not being clearly disclosed in contracts.
 - Anna-Lisa with DCP noted that there were concerns raised in the last instructor seminar that including the loan type in contracts may be a fair housing violation. She indicated that she would continue to research this issue and provide further information when available.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026-2028 Mandatory Continuing Ed Course Approval
 - Commissioner Vance moved to approve the 2026-2028 mandatory course as presented. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Commissioner Bergquist moved to approve the 2026-2028 mandatory course be provided live (in-person/online) and asynchronously. Commissioner Rinaldi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- The Department raised concerns that licensees will not be able to complete their requirements in time for the 2/28/2026 deadline, due to limited course availability for the live format. As well as individuals being unable to complete the course to reinstate their license in the future.
 - Commissioner Bergquist moved to allow asynchronous teaching of the 2024-2026 mandatory course in addition to the already allowed live teaching. Commissioner Vance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Continuing Education Waiver Requests:
 - Pimentel – RES.0833268
 - Commissioner Rinaldi moved to approve the request. Commissioner Bergquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachelle Hyburg
Board Coordinator

2026 CURRENT BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

May 06

August 05

November 04