

Education Advisory Group

May 25, 2023—2:00 P.M.

Opening

Director Greg Lemon convened a meeting of the Education Advisory Group at 2:06 p.m. on May 25, 2023, in the Conference Room of the Nebraska Realtors® Association, located at 800 South 13th St, Lincoln Nebraska.

Approval of Minutes from 01/24/23

The minutes of the Education Advisory Group held on January 24, 2023, were considered. After review, a motion was made by Mary Daily and seconded by Paul Vojchegoske to approve the minutes with the correction that Dani Jennings did not attend the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on Examination Services Contract

Director Lemon discussed the timeline for implementation of the new real estate license examination contract. Director Lemon stated that the go live date for the new exam would be on September 1st with the new provider Pearson VUE. There will be a new candidate handbook and updates provided before the go live date. The test content outline will remain the same. Mr. Vojchegoske spoke about his concerns that the timeline will not adjust well with the providers and that it will not be a smooth transition. Director Lemon said the Commission would make every effort to keep education providers informed for a smooth transition.

Director Lemon spoke about the test format that it will be a multiple-choice exam, eliminating the current broker simulation exam. Paul Vojchegoske asked if there will be the same number of questions and if the passing score is 75%. Director Lemon indicated it was his understanding that the passing score and number of questions would remain the same. He also mentioned that there will be more testing locations.

Test Development and Administration Input

Director Lemon indicated that there will be a new test for both state and national sales and broker exams.

Director Lemon spoke about score reports and wanted feedback on whether more detailed reports would be preferred. There was consensus among the group that more detailed reports than currently provided would be preferable for passing candidates.

Director Lemon spoke about bringing a calculator to the exam or having one available on the test screen. Mr. Vojchegoske indicated that currently every different testing site seems to have a different standard for the calculator that can be used. Mr. Wehner indicated that we need to prep the students before the exam and knowing what calculator or calculator function they could use would be helpful. Mr. Vojchegoske indicated that he had a concern with students that have learning disabilities and if they will have a calculator which works with their disability. He mentioned that some of them had to take the exam without a calculator. He also indicated that we need to get the schools a copy of the calculator or a link that will be used. Director Lemon indicated he would check with the provider on getting a copy of the calculator for education and test prep purposes.

Education Forms

Director Lemon spoke about the education form on continuing education and that they should have the ability to request an R course or property management course. Adding additional information about the approval process for pre-license education with the Department of Education was also discussed, as well as streamlining the change, substantial change process for course offerings

Regulation Update

Director Lemon indicated that he had spoken with the Attorney General regarding the Commission's recent proposed regulatory changes, and that the TRG-2 Form for scheduling training courses would no longer be needed when the regulations are adopted.

New Business

Current trends in the real estate industries were discussed, including wholesaling and fair housing issues. Mr. Vojchehoske suggested a higher standard or more safeguards be considered for continuing education providers.

Adjourn

At 3:30 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Director Lemon and seconded by Mark Wehner that the meeting adjourn. The Group voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Members in Attendance:

Mary Daily – Nebraska Realtors Association

Greg Lemon – Nebraska Real Estate Commission

Valerie D. Kircher – Rubicon Educational Services by Val

Mark Wehner – Reesults Coaching

Paul Vojchehoske- Randall School of Real Estate

David J. Beberwyk- University of Omaha