# UTAH RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE REGULATORY COMMISSION MEETING

Heber M. Wells Building Room 250 9:00 a.m. January 3, 2024 Zoom

#### **MINUTES**

#### **DIVISION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jonathan Stewart, Division Director
Justin Barney, Hearing Officer
Mark Fagergren, Licensing and Education Director
Maelynn Valentine, Board Secretary
Kadee Wright, Chief Investigator
Tim Cuthbertson, Investigator
Laurel North, Lead Investigator
Marv Everett, Investigator
Mike Page, Licensing Specialist
Steven Green, Assistant Attorney General

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Allison Olsen, Chair Christy Vail, Vice Chair Jeff England, Commissioner Jeff Flitton, Commissioner Gina Johnson, Commissioner

The meeting on January 3, 2024, of the Utah Residential Mortgage Regulatory Commission began at approximately 9:01 a.m. with Chair Olsen conducting.

#### PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 4, 2023, and November 8, 2023, as written. Vote. Chair Olsen, yes; Vice-Chair Johnson; Commissioner England, yes; Commissioner Flitton, yes; Commissioner Vail, yes. The motion is approved.

Public Comment Period None

#### **DIVISION REPORTS**

## **Director's Report – Jonathan Stewart**

Director Stewart addressed the Commission and announced that he will be leaving the Division of Real Estate on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Director Stewart also informed the Commission that the legislative session starts on January 16<sup>th</sup> and the Division is proposing an enhanced penalty for violations involving vulnerable adults. Currently there is up to a \$5,000 penalty and the proposal is that it go up to \$10,000.

## **Enforcement Report-Kadee Wright**

Ms. Wright reported in November the Division received zero complaints; closed three cases; leaving 61 open mortgage cases. The AG's office or Division Analyst has nine cases.

Ms. Wright reported in December the Division received four complaints; closed three cases; leaving 62 open mortgage cases. The AG's office or Division Analyst has nine cases.

## Stipulation presented by Steven Green

Paul Mangelson

## **Education/Licensing Report- Mark Fagergren**

Mr. Fagergren reported that the 1-Hour Utah Law course that was approved by the Commission in November is now the only course that should be being taught to satisfy the Utah 1-Hour Law requirement. Mr. Fagergren reported on statistics. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the number of all licenses combined is 9,983, that is a 19% decline from last year and 8,857 are individuals. Of the 9,983 that were qualified to renew their license 7,693 have requested renewal, that is 77.1% that could have renewed that have submitted a renewal. The Division has completed 94.2% of those requests and 5% still need review.

## **COMMISSION AND INDUSTRY ISSUES- Justin Barney**

Mr. Barney reported that the rule that was approved last month is now currently in effect and there are no other proposals at this time.

#### **Executive Session**

#### **Public Session**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the stipulation for Paul Mangleson. Vote. Chair Olsen, yes; Vice-Chair Johnson; Commissioner England, yes; Commissioner Flitton, yes; Commissioner Vail, no. The motion is approved with concurrence of the Division.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.