

## Commission Meeting News

Key reports, issues, and decisions of interest to licensees and/or the public are reported here from the most recent Commission meetings:

### Commission Meeting of June, 2018

**Pending Cases:** The Commission entered into consent agreements to suspend five licenses and reprimand four licensees; ordered eight hearings; approved on certain conditions the issuance of five broker licenses on provisional status; authorized its Regulatory Affairs Division to seek injunctive relief involving two individuals and to refer for criminal prosecution if necessary; and extended the time within which four licensees must satisfy the conditions of a Consent Order they previously entered into with the Commission.

**Legislative Report:** The Commission reviewed staff's Legislative Report and received a report from Seth Palmer, North Carolina Association of REALTORS® Director of Political Communications and Regulatory Affairs, on issues of interest to NC REALTORS® including health plans, private process servers, private roads database, and the technical corrections bill.

**Status Report on License Renewals:** Staff reviewed with the Commission the status of the license renewal process, indicating that renewals are coming in on target, and at the same rate as in the previous two years. Staff detailed for the Commission the process staff undertakes to prepare for license renewals and the notices and other resources developed and distributed to licensees by mail, email, social media, and the website to assist licensees in meeting continuing education and renewal requirements on time. Staff reported that the new law on employee misclassification prohibits the Commission from processing a renewal payment unless and until the licensee submits the required form, and that this is a requirement for all state occupational licensing boards, not just the Commission.

**License Examination Results:** A summary of key data relating to persons taking the examination for the first time is provided below:

	Individuals Tested for the First Time			
	Took prelicense course		Hold license from another state	
	May 2018	June 2017 through May 2018	May 2018	June 2017 through May 2018
# Tested	686	7219	78	903
% Pass both sections	57%	59%	N/A	N/A
% Pass National section	79%	81%	N/A	N/A
% Pass State section	61%	63%	32%	31%

**Election of Commission officers for period August 2018 to July 2019:** The Commission elected Anna Gregory Wagoner of Winston-Salem as Chair, and Thomas R. Lawing, Jr., of Charlotte as Vice Chair for the one-year term beginning August 1, 2018.

**Emerging Trends:** The Commission discussed wholesaling and “Coming Soon” advertisements.

**License Applications Involving Character Issues:** Applications for licenses from persons who have character issues such as prior criminal convictions or disciplinary action by another licensing board are separately reviewed by the Commission. Decisions are made based upon criminal background checks, information supplied by the applicant, and in-person interviews. Total candidates reviewed: 42; total approved: 27.

**Report on License Numbers:** The Commission was advised that as of June 1, 2018, the Commission has 107,617 brokers and firms, as follows:

- Active Brokers 67,491
- Active Provisional Brokers 8,367
- Inactive Brokers 27,061
- Inactive Provisional Brokers 7,467
- Firms 12,794
- Brokers-in-Charge 17,180
- BIC-Eligible Brokers 2,156

**Next Commission Meeting:** The next Commission meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at Raleigh, North Carolina and is open to the public.