



COMMISSION NEWS

Newsletter from the Kansas Real Estate Commission

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Upcoming Commission Meeting

June 17

Meetings are open to the public and located at the Commission office in Topeka.

If you plan to attend, please call the office to confirm the date, time, and location. Click [here](#) for more information.

Licenses must be renewed every two years.

Check your renewal date [here](#).

Communicating with Commission Members

Occasionally an applicant, licensee, or attorney attempts to directly communicate with a commission member to seek information or influence a decision on a complaint or disciplinary action. Such communications can result in the commissioner being unable to discuss or vote on the application or disciplinary action case.

If you have a question about a licensing matter or a disciplinary case, contact the KREC office with your inquiry. Staff can provide you with general information.

CE Credit: A Tale of Two License Numbers

If you are licensed in two states (e.g., Kansas and Missouri) and attend a course approved for CE credit in both states, you must notify the provider when you enroll that you'd like to receive credit in both states. Be sure to provide all license numbers accurately.

Often a licensee will only provide one license number and then, upon renewing the other license, be surprised when credit does not appear on both state records.

A licensee who resides in another state but holds a Kansas real estate license is considered to be a nonresident. Nonresidents must take

the same approved courses for mandatory hours as Kansas residents do, but may receive elective credit for courses approved by their state of residence if the course was taken within the current Kansas license renewal period.

It is the responsibility of the education provider to submit CE credit to KREC on the licensee's behalf for courses listed in the [Directory of Approved CE Providers](#). If the course is not in the Directory, nonresidents must email the certificate of course completion to krec@ks.gov by the Kansas renewal due date in order to receive credit.

Commission Members

Bryon Schlosser, Chair, 2nd District | **Joseph Vaught**, Vice Chair, 3rd District
Errol Wuertz, 1st District | **Sue Wenger**, 4th District | **Connie O'Brien**, Member at Large

Erik Wisner, Executive Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

The mission of the Kansas Real Estate Commission is to protect the public interest, which embraces both the interests of the regulated real estate licensees and the interests of consumers who use their services and products.

Quantum Leaps!

by Kelly White | Deputy Director, Director of Licensing and Education

August 1, 2019 will mark my 35th year with the Kansas Real Estate Commission. I've seen a lot of changes in my time, but none as positive as today. With the current Commission members, Executive Director and staff, we are making quantum leaps in improving administration, regulation and professionalism.



Administration. Gone are the days of printing and mailing licenses. Savings of over \$10,000 a year in postage and printing costs are being realized, not to mention speeding up license transfers and other changes. This also paves the way to convert from manual processing by staff to more immediate processing online by licensees. Minor fees have been dropped and credit card convenience fees have been absorbed. We have gone paperless and are down to one file cabinet for the entire office! We encourage all forms and requests to be submitted electronically to save time scanning documents.

Regulation. Numerous statutes and regulations have accumulated throughout the years. Today, we are consolidating and simplifying. We apply critical thinking skills so we're not doing things because that's the way we've always done it. We strive to find the right balance between protecting the public yet not being overly burdensome to applicants and licensees.

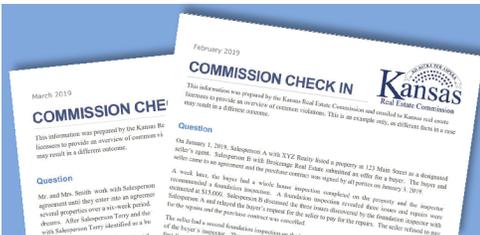
Professionalism. Historically, the public has ranked real estate low in comparison to other professions. There's no quick fix, but with improvements to the licensing exam it is now doing its job of yielding more qualified applicants. Presently, our broker requirements are some of the lowest in the country. Legislation has been passed to make the education and experience to become a broker more stringent. Staff have also started monitoring courses and collecting feedback to raise the bar in continuing education.

Consistency may be comfortable, but it also means falling behind. I welcome the recent changes we've made and look forward to making even more improvements in the coming years.

Disciplinary Actions

Below are disciplinary actions effective February 15, 2019 or later with respect to revocations, suspensions, or aggregate fines of greater than \$500.

Docket Number	Last Name	First Name	License Number	Violation	Legal Action	Effective Date
19-7586	Cummins	Josh	00237584	Failure to Disclose	Fine	3/15/2019
19-7310	Fearnside	Ric	00241553	Failing to comply with Directive	License Suspended	3/15/2019
19-7497	Ferguson	Jewett	00230625	Audit Violations	Fine	2/22/2019
18-7014	Friend	Austin	00239909	Failing to comply with Directive	License Suspended	2/22/2019
19-7492	Fritz	Ryan	00239924	Failing to comply with Directive	License Suspended	2/26/2019
19-7612	Johnson	Robert	00042814	Audit Violations	Fine	3/29/2019
19-7589	Lenger	Ann	00217440	Prohibited Acts	License Suspended, Fine, and CE	2/26/2019
19-7585	Lyon	Shannon	00217842	Failure to Disclose	Fine	3/15/2019
19-7587	Lyon	Chris	00223278	Failure to Disclose	Fine	3/15/2019
19-7411	Nechita	Jennifer	00236761	Failure to comply with Order	License Suspended	2/22/2019
19-7583	Richardson	Dawn	00225290	BRRETA	Fine	3/15/2019



Did You Know?

Past issues of the *Commission Check In* and the *Commission Newsletter* are available on the KREC website under **News**. These documents are good educational tools for staff meetings and courses.