**REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF ACADIANA**

**MLS Committee**

**April 16, 2019**

**Minutes**

PRESENT: Bill Bacque, Cindy Bailey, Paula Duncan, Judy Garber, Troy Hebert, Jim Keaty, Lori McCarthy, Danny Nugier, Jay Smith, Anissa Talley, Carrie Theard and Deborah Pierce.

ABSENT: Jonetta Sam (U) and Cindy Herring (E).

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Sliman, Susan Holliday and Walter Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Lori McCarthy at 9:00a.m.

1. **Motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting.** The motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Motion to accept the recommendations of the MLS Bylaw Task Force from April 9, 2019 meeting.**  The motion was seconded and passed.
3. **Motion to require the Under Contract date be filled out upon pending or closing listings in the Rental property type.** The motion was seconded and passed.
4. **Motion to require that the leased (sold) price for listings in the Rental property type be expressed as the monthly rate on the lease agreement. The lease price cannot be expressed as a total amount for the entire lease.** The motion was second and passed. Staff will also check to see if the lease term field can be added to the Close listing page to ensure that the lease term is included in the leased information.
5. **Motion to accept the recommendations of the MLS Photo Task Force.** Section 1.2c of the MLS Rules and Regulations will read as follows:

All properties submitted to the MLS will have the following photo requirements except where sellers expressly direct that photographs or other graphic representations of said property not appear in MLS compilations.

All Residential properties (excluding under construction and proposed construction) require a minimum of five (5) photos of the property. The exterior front photo of the subject property must have the primary photo flag and display in the first image slot. Photos must also include both a kitchen and bathroom photo in the MLS listing.

All Commercial, MultiFamily, Rental and Land properties (excluding under construction and proposed construction) require a minimum of one (1) photo which is the exterior front of the subject property and a true representation of the existing structure or vacant land.

All Confidential listings must use an MLS approved logo as the primary photo for the listing.

Proposed Construction, Under Construction and New Construction properties can have a sketch or rendering as the primary photo, but it must reflect an accurate portrayal of property for that particular listing.

The motion was seconded and the vote was tied. The MLS Chairman broke the tie with a vote in favor of the motion.

1. **Motion that the front exterior photo for all listing types will continue to be required upon entry of the listing to the MLS. The 4 additional photos required for the Residential property type must be added within 3 business days of the list date.** The motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion that appointed Agent/REALTOR® members to the MLS Committee must be Subscribers members of the MLS.** The motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Motion to reconsider the make-up of the MLS Committee that was previously approved on March 19, 2019 and to leave the committee make-up as is currently outlined in the Bylaws.** The motion was seconded and passed.
3. **Motion for the 6 appointed Subscriber members of the MLS Committee to serve staggered 2-year terms. Beginning in 2020, the 3 Subscriber members on the MLS Committee in 2019 will continue to serve and the President will appoint 3 additional Subscriber members to serve 2-year terms. Thereafter, each President will appoint 3 Subscriber members to serve 2-year terms.** The motion was seconded and passed.
4. **Motion to request that the RAA President disband the MLS Bylaw Task Force.** The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion to remove Jonetta Sam from her position on the MLS Committee as per the RAA Bylaws Article XVIII Section 8.** RAA staff will notify her of the removal.The motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Motion to appoint Dawn Deare to serve on the MLS Committee in the vacated seat.** The motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Mary Sliman, MLS Director