

Washington State Real Estate Commission meeting transcript

July 28, 2025

Sandy Baur (00:04):

The recording has started.

Jen Clawson (00:06):

Great. So good morning. I'm Jen Clawson, the chair of the Washington State Real Estate Commission. It's now 10 AM on Monday, July 28th, and I'm calling this special meeting to order. This meeting is open to the public. We will have time to take, at the end of the meeting, for some brief public comment. Participants will have no more than three minutes to address the commission. As a reminder, commissioners are not to engage during the conversation during the public comment.

(00:31):

As a courtesy, I ask that all participants keep themselves on mute to reduce background noise. When the commissioners would like to comment on the topic, please use the raise hand feature in Teams. Once I've called on you, unmute yourself and state your name before sharing your comments. Please remember to mute yourself again after you finish speaking. And now, we'll move to roll call. Sandy, over to you.

Sandy Baur (00:56):

Thank you. I'll start with you. Chair Clawson.

Jen Clawson (00:59):

I am here.

Sandy Baur (01:01):

Vice-Chair Chang.

Eddie Chang (01:02):

Here.

Sandy Baur (01:04):

Board Member Balles.

Meg Balles (01:08):

Here.

Sandy Baur (01:09):

Board member, or as you are, Commissioner Brazil.

Casey Brazil (01:13):

Here.

Sandy Baur (01:14):

Commissioner Bruce-Jones.

Keith Bruce-Jones (01:16):

Here.

Sandy Baur (01:18):

Commissioner Galano. Commissioner Galano?

(01:29):

And Commissioner Schmitz.

Shelley Schmitz (01:31):

Here.

Sandy Baur (01:33):

We have a quorum. Back to you, Chair.

Jen Clawson (01:37):

Thank you so much. So what I need now is, is there a motion to approve today's agenda as presented? We need to get that up on the screen.

Sandy Baur (01:53):

The agenda is in the packet-

Jen Clawson (01:56):

Oh, sorry, Sandy. Thank you.

Sandy Baur (01:57):

On page three.

Jen Clawson (01:59):

Okay.

Eddie Chang (01:59):

So moved.

Casey Brazil (02:01):

Second.

Keith Bruce-Jones (02:01):

Second.

Jen Clawson (02:03):

Okay, so I've heard it's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion on the agenda?

Okay, so all in favor of our agenda, say aye.

Eddie Chang (02:16):

Aye.

Casey Brazil (02:16):

Aye.

Keith Bruce-Jones (02:16):

Aye.

Meg Balles (02:16):

Aye.

Shelley Schmitz (02:16):

Aye.

Jen Clawson (02:21):

All those opposed, say nay. And are there any abstentions? Okay, the motion has been approved. So the agenda has been approved and that's what we'll be talking about today. So now, we'll go into our agenda. Our new business item of the rulemaking. So House Bill 552 passed legislature and it was signed into law on May 19th, 2025. The department will now need to do a rule change to ensure that our rules match the statute. So Sandy, would you please review the process and introduce the proposed language?

Sandy Baur (03:02):

Certainly, when HB 1552 passed, it increased the fee assessed on real estate broker and managing broker licenses to fund the Washington Center for Real Estate Research. It moves it from \$10 to \$20. This is applicable to both new licenses and renewals. As you recall, the Washington Center for Real Estate Research provides all of the housing reports that we talk about in this commission meeting, from census information to housing sales, average and median prices and incomes, et cetera. We will need to update WAC 308-124A-775 to reflect these changes. The proposed language and a list of the affected fees are included in your packet. And I will pull that up right now. The proposed language is on the screen and the affected fees for the brokers and managing brokers will increase by \$10 as shown. We would like your feedback and approval on these updates. Are there any questions? Okay, back to you. Chair Clawson, for a vote to approve the language in fee increase.

Jen Clawson (04:48):

Great, thank you so much Sandy. So do I have a motion to approve the proposed language for WAC 308-124A-775 as presented?

Keith Bruce-Jones (05:01):

So moved.

Eddie Chang (05:02):

Second.

Jen Clawson (05:05):

Okay, so it's been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion on this topic? Okay, then we'll go ahead and call for the vote. All those in favor say aye.

Eddie Chang (05:19):

Aye.

Meg Balles (05:19):

Aye.

Casey Brazil (05:19):

Aye.

Keith Bruce-Jones (05:19):

Aye.

Shelley Schmitz (05:19):

Aye.

Jen Clawson (05:22):

All those opposed, say nay. Are there any abstentions? Okay by the vote, this language has been approved. Thank you so much commissioners for your help, helping us move through this rulemaking part of the process. At this point, we'll move into our public comment part of the agenda, and I'll open the floor for any public to address the commission and to share their thoughts, concerns. Did we have any written comment that was submitted prior to this meeting?

Sandy Baur (05:57):

We do not.

Jen Clawson (05:59):

Okay. So now we'll just open the floor for any public comment. You may raise your hand if you would like to speak.

Sandy Baur (06:06):

I do not see any hands raised at this time, Chair Clawson.

Jen Clawson (06:35):

Okay. At this point in the meeting, we'll go ahead and close the floor for public comment and we will adjourn our special meeting. Thank you all so much for taking the time with us today and helping us get this rulemaking approved. So it's now 10:07 A.M. on July 28th, 2025 and this meeting is adjourned. Our next meeting will be via Teams on August 21st, 2025 at 10 A.M. We'll see you all there.

Sandy Baur (07:06):

Thank you so much everyone.

Keith Bruce-Jones (07:08):

Thank you.