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2 DIVISION OF LICENSING SERVICES

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4 REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL BOARD MEETING

5 Minutes of meeting, held virtually via WebEx on Wednesday,
8 November 6, 2024, commencing at 1:00 p.m.
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10 A P P E A R A N C E S:
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- 12 Stephen Roefaro, Chair
- 13 Susan D. Baldwin, Board Member
- 14 Shanelle Washington, Board Member
- 15 Neil Garfinkel, Secretary
- 16 Jodi DeLollo, Department of State
- 17 Candace Burchett, Department of State
- 18 Emily Lupe, Department of State
- 19 Shannon Maguire, Department of State
- 20 Caroline Burton, Board Member
- 21 Jack Bilello, Department of State
- 22 Mathew Wolf, Associate Attorney
- 23 Heather Mitchell, Dept. of Financial Services
- 24 Alison Lacy, Department of State
- 25 Jennifer Turner, Department of State
- David Mossberg, Department of State
- Ernest Delaney, Department of State

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1 MR. ROEFARO: So I would like to call to order
2 the New York State Board of Real Estate Appraisers for
3 Wednesday, November 6th, 2024. We'll just go through a
4 little quick -- quick head count. I'm Steve Roefaro, Board
5 Chair.

6 MS. BALDWIN: Susan Baldwin, Board Member, New
7 York City.

8 MS. WASHINGTON: Shanelle Washington.

9 MR. DELANEY: Ernest Delaney, Department of
10 State.

11 MR. ROEFARO: Thank you, Ernest. Albany?

12 MS. LACY: Alison Lacy, Department of State.

13 MS. TURNER: Jennifer Turner, Department of
14 State.

15 MS. LUPE: Emily Lupe, Department of State.

16 MS. BURCHETT: Candace Burchett, Department of
17 State.

18 MS. MAGUIRE: Shannon Maguire, Department of
19 State.

20 MR. ROEFARO: Any -- any staff members of DOS
21 that are in alternate Locations? David?

22 MR. MOSSBERG: David Mossberg, Department of
23 State.

24 MR. ROEFARO: Thank you, David. Okay. So
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1 introductions are -- and roll call are completed. We do
2 not have a quorum. We do not have any action items on
3 which to vote on, so we'll continue with the agenda.

4 Under -- under agenda item 2, Department Reports
5 Enforcement, Ernest Delaney?

6 MR. DELANEY: Yes. Good afternoon, everyone.
7 This enforcement report will cover the period of
8 August 22nd, 2024, up until today. Over that time period,
9 New York Department of State has received a total of 13 new
10 appraiser complaints, and over that same period, we
11 completed the investigation on 21 complaints. Of those 21
12 complaints, the disposition includes 18 complaints, which
13 we closed out due to no violation, and three complaints,
14 which we refer to our counsel's office with the
15 recommendation of disciplinary action. Our current
16 appraiser complaint case log -- case log is 27 cases.

17 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Thanks for asking.

18 MR. ROEFARO: Jenna, you have more to add?

19 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Yes. I'm just going to expand
20 on it just quickly. In regards to those cases that are
21 currently still open, they're in a variety of stages. Some
22 are still awaiting on a response from the appraiser, some
23 are awaiting a report from our regional advisers, and some
24 are just pending review of that report that they have been
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1 submitted by the regional adviser. I also just got some
2 additional information just to talk about.

3 So I looked at complaints for the year of 2023 as
4 well as 2024, and from January 1 to December 31 of '23, we
5 had 80 appraiser complaints docketed. And of those 80
6 cases, 62 were submitted by state agencies or lenders, such
7 as Fannie Mae or JP Morgan Chase. Half of those 62 state
8 agency lender cases were closed due to violation, and the
9 other half were referred to our attorneys due to some type
10 of USPAP violation. Only four of the 18 complaints that
11 were filed by members of the public were referred for some
12 type of USPAP. All others were closed for no violation.
13 And then in comparison for this year from January 1 to
14 present, we've had over 58 appraiser case docketed. And of
15 those 58, 37 have been submitted by state agencies or
16 lenders. And of those 37, 14 have been closed as no
17 violation, nine have been referred for some sort of USPAP
18 violation, and as we mentioned, 27 are still currently
19 being worked and investigated.

20 So that's just in regards to, like, our appraiser
21 complaints. And then for appraiser application audits, we
22 just kind of took a look at the data for 2024. And for
23 application experience audits, zero applications have been
24 denied in 2024. So we took a look at those audits and a
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1 common theme was onsite appraisal reports. However, we
2 request that the applicant provide other proof that they
3 significantly assisted on audit reports, including things
4 such as invoices, copies of check payments, et cetera. And
5 the proof that has been provided has been satisfactory,
6 thus resulting in zero denials.

7 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. So I have a question. At
8 one point, I asked Ernest to kind of just give me a general
9 idea how many of the cases are coming in through either
10 Freddie or Fannie Mae are USPAP violations. And am I -- am
11 I assuming that, within those state agencies, that's where
12 those would be?

13 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Yep.

14 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. Ernest, have we seen a
15 steady -- still the same steady number of those federal
16 agencies settling violations at about the same rate?

17 MR. DELANEY: Yeah. I -- we anticipate that
18 it -- it will make up most of our case load, the -- the
19 higher percentage of our case load. So yes, from 2023,
20 2024, they still are sending a -- a number of complaints.

21 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. All right. Are there any
22 questions for Ernest or Jenna? Okay. Moving forward.
23 Thanks, Jenna, for the update. Appreciate that. Under
24 Section 2, item B, Processing Report, Emily Lupe?

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1 MS. LUPE: Good afternoon.

2 MR. ROEFARO: Good afternoon.

3 MS. LUPE: Included in the meeting material you
4 were provided, are my statistics for September of 2023 and
5 September of 2024. These reports show the number of real
6 estate appraisers broken down by company and class code or
7 license plates. The reports show a change of about 5
8 percent fewer from the same time last year. This is
9 consistent with the percentage increase from our last
10 meeting, which were statistics from July of 2023 and July
11 of 2024. At that time, I had noted that prior reports
12 showed a decrease of about 3 percent from year to year. So
13 while the previous reports were showing about a 3 percent
14 decrease, the past two reports are showing about a 5
15 percent decrease. And that includes the processing report.

16 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. Are there any questions of
17 Emily? So we're -- we're starting to see ATA quorum
18 decrease over the last '22 to '23. You went from 3 percent
19 to 5 percent. And that means staying -- standing at
20 another 5 percent documented in '23 and '24, correct?

21 MS. LUPE: Yes. Yeah. So for -- for July of
22 2023 and 2024 and September of 2023 to September of 2024,
23 you know, just that -- that steady 5 percent decrease. So
24 it shows an additional 5 percent decrease, but the

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1 percentage decrease is steady when comparing the years.

2 MR. ROEFARO: So you're seeing what's coming in
3 and going out from '23 to '24. All right. Any questions
4 of Emily? All right, Emily, thank you for doing the
5 report. Item C, under 2, Continuing Education Audits,
6 Alison?

7 MS. LACY: Good afternoon.

8 MR. ROEFARO: Hi Alison.

9 MS. LACY: I will be reporting on the appraiser
10 continuing education audits. We randomly selected a
11 percentage of monthly renewals and only renewals for this
12 audit. For the months of January 2024 through October
13 2024, we had conducted a total of 82 audits. Out of the --
14 out of that 82, 55 had complied and six are still within
15 the timeframe to respond to the audit letter. And that
16 concludes the education report about continuing education
17 audits.

18 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. Are there any questions of
19 the continuing education audit? All right. Thank you,
20 Alison. Moving on to new business. David Mossberg will --
21 Mossberg will give us the PAREA and the AQB updates.

22 MR. MOSSBERG: Good afternoon, everyone.

23 MR. ROEFARO: Good afternoon to you.

24 MR. MOSSBERG: Just a short update for everyone,
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1 but we have been working on the regulatory changes both to
2 adopt PAREA as well as to update all of our regulations to
3 conform to the 2026 AQB update. So I want to thank just
4 Alison Lacy and the rest of the DOS team, because they've
5 been extraordinarily helpful in drafting and helping me
6 draft those regs. We are still -- still in the early
7 process of creating the rest of the documentations
8 necessary to move forward with those two proposals. We
9 have an internal meeting with a few of my colleagues, and
10 for technical reasons, we're going to have to propose them
11 as two separate rulemaking packages, but we anticipate that
12 both will be able to be adopted on or before January 1,
13 2026.

14 So they're going to be moving together, but for
15 technical reasons, they will likely be two different
16 rulemaking packages. So hopefully, at our next meeting
17 when we have a quorum, I'll be able to present all of the
18 regulatory texts and all of the other documents that would
19 be necessary to move forward with both rulemakings. But in
20 short, basically, we're just still working on it.

21 MR. ROEFARO: All right. Does anyone have any
22 questions of David? Thank you, David. You know, I -- I
23 like to get away. Apparently, I guess, if the regulatory
24 teams are accepted in January 1st, 2026, and then we have
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1 been on the clock that we have -- then we may have do the
2 public notice. We have to wait for remarks. Will we be
3 moving into that once we get off January 1st?

4 MR. MOSSBERG: No. So the idea would be probably
5 if -- if we can, if -- if I can get the rest of the
6 documents drafted and then the -- the rest of the internal
7 reviews approved, what would -- the next step would be is
8 that we would have the Board reconvene. I would present
9 the actual rule text to the Board. Once the Board approves
10 the final rule text, both on PAREA and AQB, the next step
11 would be for the department to file those rules, which we
12 would be able to do, you know, potentially on the day of
13 the week, even that day.

14 What would happen is, once it's filed, there's a
15 two-week window for publication in the state register.
16 So -- and after that two-week period, that's when the
17 public comment period starts.

18 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

19 MR. MOSSBERG: So the idea would be is, a
20 hypothetical best case scenario, we meet again next month
21 or, you know, early January, I'm able to present all of
22 the -- the documents to the Board, the Board votes and
23 approves next month or in January, we file it immediately
24 after that, two weeks after that, that's when the public
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1 comment starts.

2 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

3 MR. MOSSBERG: It'll run for, I believe it's 90
4 days. Actually, no. Sorry. Because we're expected, it's
5 going to get a 60-days run, and then after that, we would
6 be able to adopt. So we would, hopefully, be able to do
7 all the necessary paperwork so that it -- it will be in
8 place effective and law on January 1, 2026.

9 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. Okay. Thank you for the
10 update. All right. If there's no other questions of
11 David, David, thank you as usual. Under New Business, Item
12 B, Educational Regulations Subcommittee Update, Alison?

13 MS. LACY: Hello again. This is just a -- a
14 brief summary of the HUD regulation changes for all levels
15 of licensure and the subcommittee meeting we added late
16 September. On September 24th, 2024, the Appraisers
17 Subcommittee met to discuss the new qualifying educational
18 changes described by the AQB for all levels of appraiser
19 licensure. The changes discussed included the following:
20 Effective January 1st, 2026, appraisers must successfully
21 complete and lay out a course titled Valuation Bias and
22 Fair Housing Awards and Regulations. In addition, the
23 four-hour or seven-hour version of this course must be
24 completed for license renewal.

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1 The next thing we discussed was the addition of
2 the eight-hour Evaluation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and
3 Regulations course. That meant that our residential
4 elective course hours are going to be reduced from 20 hours
5 total down to 12 hours. We also discussed, once again, in
6 the addition of that eight-hour course, that means our
7 general elective course hours are being reduced from 30
8 hours total to 22 hours. At the subcommittee meeting, we
9 also went over Department of State's recommended
10 instructional hours changes within the residential and
11 general electives, and no questions or comments were
12 received by the subcommittee members.

13 In addition, because the new eight-hour course
14 contains content on fair housing and fair lending,
15 Department of State proposed removing that -- removing
16 content related to fair housing and fair lending within
17 Residential Elective 2 and General Elective 1.
18 Subcommittee members agreed that the content was redundant,
19 so the removal of that content will be fully removed from
20 the content related to fair housing.

21 Lastly, it was decided that General Elective 3,
22 which is titled Using the HP12C Financial Calculator,
23 should be kept as an elective option for the general
24 appraiser classification. Subcommittee members received
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1 the proposed instructional hour changes For GE-3, and we
2 are awaiting their input. And that concludes my
3 subcommittee update report.

4 MR. ROEFARO: So are there any questions of
5 Alison on the Educational Regulations Subcommittee update?

6 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Did they change the number of
7 courses at all when you say you removed the HP12C, this
8 being an option -- is now optional?

9 MS. LACY: We did an actual removal.

10 MR. ROEFARO: It's the subcommittee
11 (indiscernible).

12 MS. BERSCHWINGER: What did she say?

13 MR. ROEFARO: Can you say that again, Alison?

14 MS. LACY: We haven't removed any courses. I'm
15 sorry.

16 MR. ROEFARO: You haven't removed any courses.

17 MS. BERSCHWINGER: That's it.

18 MR. ROEFARO: So from here, I mean, is the
19 subcommittee -- we went through the information on how to
20 handle -- subcommittee handled questions. Is there anyone
21 in the January meeting who will present that, the full
22 board quota?

23 MS. LACY: I believe so. We're just awaiting
24 some feedback on General Electives 3.

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1 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

2 MS. LACY: And that information will soon be in
3 your email.

4 MR. ROEFARO: Right. Is there something that we
5 could send out -- is that just to subcommittee members?
6 Can we send out to the full board so they can digest that,
7 and we can move on it in January?

8 MS. LACY: That sounds like a -- that might be a
9 David question. I -- I'm not sure.

10 MR. MOSSBERG: I mean the -- the full board can
11 take a look at it when -- whenever the material is ready.
12 So I -- I don't see any harm with sharing that with the --
13 it would certainly make sense to send it to them prior to
14 the Board vote anyway.

15 MR. ROEFARO: Yeah, right. I mean, and -- and
16 really the -- all the subcommittees do is make
17 recommendation to the full board can in a sense, at least,
18 in con -- with the draft -- with the draft at least coming
19 out of the subcommittee meeting, I felt it was pretty well
20 firm on how we're moving forward. I guess that's back -
21 that's back to Alison.

22 MS. LACY: Yes. I had the same impression at the
23 subcommittee meeting as well that we're -- we're all on the
24 same page.

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1 MR. ROEFARO: Yeah.

2 MS. LACY: We're ready to present what -- our
3 materials, whomever would like the floor at our next
4 meeting.

5 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. So why don't we get that out
6 to the Board, you know, so they can digest it before the
7 meeting? As long as David says it's okay to send it out, I
8 mean it's the subcommittee of the main board.

9 MS. LACY: Will do.

10 MR. ROEFARO: Thank you. Appreciate that. All
11 right. Are there any other questions of Alison? So if one
12 element on the agenda, there's a lot of information went
13 through. You guys got everything ready, presented it. We
14 went thorough in a timely fashion. We'll move through
15 these -- these items. I -- I thank staff and David for
16 putting everything together, allowing sub -- subcommittee
17 to comment and then move on from there. Reached out on
18 that. Item C, under New Business, is a potential -- our
19 potential next board meeting is January 14th at 10:00 a.m.

20 MS. BALDWIN: That is correct, Chair. I have
21 that tentatively scheduled. It would be important for all
22 of the Board members to be there for you to be able to vote
23 on what David and everyone is working on to present to us.

24 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

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1 MS. BALDWIN: So if everyone could put that on
2 their calendar, that would be great.

3 MS. BURCHETT: I -- I think I've got a conflict.

4 MR. ROEFARO: Please check your calendar, but
5 what Sue -- Sue and I discussed earlier -- actually, right
6 now, do we have any idea -- I know that we're not supposed
7 to be involved in or have access to the process of Board
8 appointees, but do we have any idea when we still accept
9 the position? Because know we got some applications and
10 some interest.

11 MS. BALDWIN: I have not heard anything, but --

12 MR. ROEFARO: Because, I mean, we need -- so we
13 need everybody at the meeting there before.

14 MS. BALDWIN: Yes.

15 MR. ROEFARO: And --

16 MS. BALDWIN: And we also have Lillian. If she
17 had her choice, would want to be replaced. So that makes
18 me nervous.

19 MR. ROEFARO: Yeah. Because if -- if she
20 resigns, how will that go? We're not going to be
21 effective. There's only four members on a nine-member
22 board, and the State requires, you know, a quorum of an --
23 of the nine seats. So I would -- I would say, I don't know
24 who we have to talk to or what bug has to go in whoever's
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1 ear, but we got to do something. Because we've been --
2 those USPAP updates have to be passed --

3 MS. BALDWIN: I agree.

4 MR. ROEFARO: -- by January 23rd - they're
5 effective -- the USPAP update -- updates dated are
6 effective January 1st, 2026, right?

7 MR. MOSSBERG: Yeah, in keeping the requirements.
8 Yep.

9 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. So we have to get this done.
10 I mean, we're getting to the point where, you know, if we
11 don't have a quorum, we can -- something has to be passed.
12 And I'll -- and I'll -- and -- and we're kind of under --
13 under new business, so I'll say this. I don't think it's
14 fair that we don't have a quorum, and then two weeks later,
15 we expect everybody to get back together. Also, I -- I
16 appreciate the fact that you guys have done a
17 (indiscernible) job opening up the locations to make it
18 easier for us. But I also feel thanks for you guys to drag
19 you into these things. Every two weeks we don't get
20 something; we don't get a quorum. So I think we should
21 move up somewhere in our checklist of things to do to see
22 where are these appointees.

23 I mean, I don't know what the logistics are
24 internally, for us to ask the question and possibly get an
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1 answer. So we're at the mercy of you guys. But I think
2 it's somewhere in the 2025 agenda, we got to start moving
3 on these things. Because if something -- just like, if
4 something happens to someone -- a medical emergency in
5 here, we're going to be -- David outside the
6 (indiscernible) for medical, can't do anything.

7 MR. MOSSBERG: And you know, legally you can't.
8 You need the quorum.

9 MR. ROEFARO: No. So I mean it's -- it's got to
10 be -- and someone -- I -- I don't know who to ask. So
11 again, we're at the mercy of you guys. How -- how do we
12 get the call-out things where we need at least one new
13 board member, because if we fall to four, we can't do
14 anything.

15 MS. BALDWIN: And I know that Alec Newman (ph.)
16 has, again, reached out, sent his resume directly to the
17 person who needs to have it. He's reached out again, and
18 asked -- I just talked to him yesterday. He saw the woman
19 in here and -- well, we're not in Albany, but the woman
20 that is in the Albany area, she lives downtown, and maybe
21 if Howard can go to the New York City office, this woman I
22 chose for Albany and -- two years ago, I chose her, she's
23 right downtown. So I'm trying to make sure it's very
24 convenient for her, so they can make some of these
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1 meetings. And we really need three more appointee --
2 appointees on this Board. Three more people.

3 MR. ROEFARO: If we get two, then maybe we can
4 work on it. So I --

5 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Yeah, I wonder if -- if there
6 are applicants that you're aware of, you know, they can --
7 I have reached out to my -- reached out to Candy (ph.),
8 and Candy has --

9 MS. BURCHETT: I'd like to convince the proper --
10 because unfortunately, we can't appoint any of them.

11 MS. BERSCHWINGER: We have got --

12 MR. ROEFARO: So you're saying no.

13 MS. BURCHETT: So, yeah. So I sent them where
14 they could send their letters of interest and resume --
15 resumes but I -- I haven't heard anything since then.

16 MS. WASHINGTON: Candy, are you allowed to say,
17 like, every Monday, call them and find status until we get
18 something done?

19 MS. BURCHETT: We can talk to Jodi (ph.) about
20 that. She's out today. She's at trial though.

21 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

22 MS. BURCHETT: She might be a good point person
23 to discuss this with, because this is -- this process is
24 new to me, and I'd like to become familiar with it. So we
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1 could certainly talk to her and see what we can do and find
2 out where those applications are and what she does.

3 MR. ROEFARO: Let me ask a question. So Candace,
4 the two individuals she's speaking of -- that Sue's
5 speaking of -- have they been --

6 MS. BURCHETT: Yes.

7 MR. ROEFARO: Did they get in touch with you?

8 MS. BURCHETT: They've sent me --

9 MR. ROEFARO: I guess if you don't mind --

10 MS. BURCHETT: -- a copy of their letter of
11 interest and their resumes, and I --

12 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

13 MS. BURCHETT: -- I told them that the -- the --
14 if you look in your folder, and I don't remember of the top
15 of my head which --

16 MR. ROEFARO: No.

17 MS. BURCHETT: -- offices they had sent it to,
18 but I -- I told them the offices that were -- are going to
19 be -- yeah, the offices that were open -- the vacancies
20 that were open --

21 MR. ROEFARO: Okay.

22 MS. BURCHETT: -- if they wanted to send a
23 message to.

24 MS. WASHINGTON: Can I ask a question?
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1 MS. BURCHETT: Yeah, it doesn't hurt to, you
2 know, to follow up and -- and again, you can -- reshare the
3 information.

4 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. Shanelle, did you have a
5 question?

6 MS. WASHINGTON: Yes. My question is, prior to
7 me coming on the Board, when was the last time someone was
8 appointed?

9 MS. BALDWIN: It would be me, actually.

10 MR. ROEFARO: It would be Sue. Which was district
11 of senator.

12 MS. BALDWIN: It might have been my second year.

13 MS. WASHINGTON: Your second term or second year?

14 MR. ROEFARO: I've been here since we had, like,
15 dial telephones. That's how long I've been here. Okay.

16 MS. WASHINGTON: Well, anybody could see maybe --

17 MR. ROEFARO: It's (indiscernible).

18 MS. WASHINGTON: -- her and I should get
19 together, since we are the last of the appointed, to see --
20 because I guess since we are the last to come through a
21 process, and try to see if we can have a conversation about
22 how we can pass it. Because, obviously, if we're the last
23 two to get appointed, we have to do something to get here.
24 So maybe her and I could have a conversation --

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1 MR. ROEFARO: Yeah, because you have the most
2 recent experience. You have the most recent experience, so
3 obviously, would be the best people to talk about.

4 MS. BALDWIN: I -- I understand -- I was asked to
5 be on the board. I sent in my information, couple months
6 later, I got a letter in the mail, and it did not take two
7 years. Then, as soon as I got on the board and saw that we
8 had vacancies, I asked both Howard (ph.) and -- I think
9 it's Kate Frank (Ph.) to join the board. So I -- and so
10 they've been out there a year and a half, going on two
11 years, trying to get on this board.

12 MS. WASHINGTON: Yeah, I've spent more than two
13 years trying to just get somebody on the board. So I
14 probably sent the speaker my resume, in I would like to say
15 2018? 2017? So, yeah.

16 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. So at this point --

17 MS. WASHINGTON: And I think some of the
18 applicants are not aware of their appointments to certain
19 boards. May be an issue also. Maybe these -- maybe the
20 governor staff that handles appointments are not aware that
21 they have the vacancies. I don't know. Mr. Mossberg, do
22 you know, or would you know that information by any chance,
23 David?

24 MR. MOSSBERG: So I know that internally we
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1 have -- it -- an office of interagency affairs and
2 government affairs that does communicate with the executive
3 chamber about vacancies. I don't know whether or not the
4 vacancies on this particular board, however, are governor
5 appointees. So of the nine members, only a few members are
6 appointed by the governor, where the rest were either
7 appointed by the temporary president of the senate, or the
8 speaker of the assembly, or the minority leaders of both
9 houses. So --

10 MR. ROEFARO: Presently, we have governor's
11 appointment open. We have the temp president of the
12 senate, senate minority leader and speaker of the assembly.
13 Those are the four vacancies that we have.

14 MS. BERSCHWINGER: And then, you should really
15 include -- the other governor -- public (indiscernible)
16 governor, for a little bit.

17 MS. WASHINGTON: Would we be able to put a letter
18 together, as the board, saying just, hey, we just want to
19 highlight that these vacancies are currently -- they're
20 vacant, and send it to these particular elected officials'
21 offices so that they're aware? Because maybe they're not
22 aware.

23 MR. MOSSBERG: Again, so I wouldn't be able to
24 speak to, you know, what any of these elected officials
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1 know or don't know. I -- I can only speak to my
2 experiences with respect to the Executive Chamber. You
3 know, I do believe that our director of office affairs
4 would regularly communicate board vacancies to the
5 Executive Chamber. Unfortunately, you know, this is the
6 only board where there are vacancies at the Department of
7 State. So it -- to the extent that, you know, I can
8 alleviate any concerns that perhaps the Board members
9 are thinking that it's only this Board, you know, that
10 isn't the case. But, you know, certainly I think, and as
11 Jenna had mentioned, this is something that we could go
12 back to Jodi about, as the director of licensing, and you
13 know, certainly express to her, you know, that -- the clear
14 frustration about the lack of members and to see whether or
15 not it was with respect to Executive Chamber appointments,
16 whether or not there's any progress that could be made on
17 that.

18 MR. ROEFARO: And Candace, you can -- Candace,
19 you can also go back and speak to the individuals that
20 have -- that show an interest -- see if they've heard
21 anything.

22 MS. BURCHETT: Okay.

23 MR. ROEFARO: And some -- along across --
24 someone's going to interview them, obviously, and do invite
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1 that. So it's nothing that they have and we're just -- at
2 least that gives an idea of, if we were to come to an
3 emergency, you know, trying to get a little proactive and
4 being quite for a few years, trying to get, you know,
5 before we do fall for, and then we're in -- you know, we're
6 in the pits. Let's see if we can move some of these things
7 along, that's all.

8 MS. BERSCHWINGER: What if we also, since
9 (indiscernible) is looking about a director of all this --
10 of affairs, I mean, if we had a email for that office, and
11 maybe we send an alert to that person directly saying we
12 need these positions filled, I don't know.

13 MR. ROEFARO: At the top, you -- if Candace
14 checks with the two individuals that are in -- in the
15 pipeline, and I have a conversation with Jodi, maybe we can
16 get a little more direct as how to get the point across.
17 And I'm sure there's a number of boards that are in the
18 same situation that we are. My concern is that we're going
19 to fall, and we're going to fall to the point we can't do
20 anything. You know? And that's not (indiscernible) we're
21 coming to review and we're going to be like, oh, we can't
22 do anything. I'd rather not go there.

23 MS. BURCHETT: Right. I see that --

24 MR. ROEFARO: All right. So that's all the

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1 conversation on that. Candace, if you can just check with
2 the individuals that are in the pipeline, and then I'll put
3 a call --

4 MS. BURCHETT: I will do that.

5 MR. ROEFARO: Thank you. I'll put a call Jodi
6 and discuss with her and see if there's any way or
7 suggestions that David's made about talking to somebody and
8 then we can move this along. All right. This --

9 MS. BURCHETT: Thank you.

10 MR. ROEFARO: All right. Thank you, guys. So
11 agenda Item 4 is Public Commentary. There's no one in here
12 from the public. Is there anybody in the public domain of
13 New York?

14 MS. BURCHETT: No.

15 MR. ROEFARO: Anybody in the public domain of
16 Albany?

17 MS. GARFINKEL: There is not, but I -- did want
18 to just start share some additional information with the
19 Board. So we -- we just wanted to take a moment to discuss
20 board members notifying our office with suggestions for
21 agenda items. So what we do typically reach out, prior to
22 meeting, to request input for potential agenda items, we
23 just wanted to advise the suggestions can be made at any
24 time. And you know, as we've just discussed, we may not
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1 see it for our annual meetings until additional vacancies
2 are filled. We were told currently to share suggestions
3 regardless. These suggestions will lead to further
4 discussions and increase awareness among both you, as
5 staff, and other board members. And we very much
6 appreciate your insight on topics affecting the appraisal
7 industry.

8 MR. ROEFARO: Yeah. And we, in fact, and your
9 guys' diligence in getting information to us and processing
10 information, making our lives a little easier. Okay. If
11 there's no further public comment, I would ask for a motion
12 to adjourn.

13 MS. BURCHETT: Motion to adjourn.

14 MR. ROEFARO: Shanelle, would you like to second?

15 MS. WASHINGTON: Yes.

16 MR. ROEFARO: All in favor?

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MR. ROEFARO: All opposed? You're opposing? All
19 right. Thanks everybody for all your information, and
20 we'll see what we can do about it. So a suggestion for
21 the -- in the -- in the next agenda, a discussion about
22 board members.

23 MS. BERSCHWINGER: Yes.

24 MR. ROEFARO: Okay. All right. Thanks,
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1 everybody. Have a good -- good weekend.

2 (Time Noted 1:42 p.m.)

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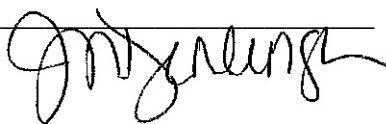
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