MLS & Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Lawrence Board of REALTORS® Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:00pm to 3:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Bailey Stuart.

Minutes of the May 24th meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion Passed.

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Bailey Stuart, Chairperson	McG	Present
Ashley Taylor	HRE	Present
Cheri Drake	McG	Excused
Chris Earl	SRE	Excused
Jill Ballew	SRE	Present
Libby Grady	SRE	Absent
Lindsay Landis	McG	Present
Michelle Roberts-Freeman	SRE	Excused
Mohammad Aldamen	EXP	Present
Nicholas Lerner	McG	Present
Ryan Desch	R+K	Excused
Shelly Milburn	BHGKC	Present
Vanessa Schmidt	KWI	Present
Victoria Perdue	KWI	Present
Zach Dodson	SRE	Present
Rob Hulse, Staff Liaison	LBOR	Present

The Committee opened discussion with a return to the

topic of "Fair and Equal Access" to listed property in the MLS. Much discussion has occurred, and the Committee's discussion today was about the LMLS's interpretation of readily available to show based upon the Clear Cooperation Policy. To remain consistent with the Clear Cooperation Policy, LMLS Staff is monitoring the MLS to ensure that listed property is "Readily Available to Show" within 1 business day. To do this, MLS Staff is monitoring showing instructions, public remarks, and private remarks for delays in showing availability. MLS Staff does not have access to monitor ShowingTime. Because MLS Staff is now monitoring when listings are available to show, it was moved and seconded to table the discussion about Fair and Equal Access to a later date for the Committee. Motion Passed.

Next, the Committee discussed whether a delay in showing availability should result in a fine. The Committee's consensus is that this is a significant issue, and a significant fine policy should be in place. First discussed was an ascension or escalation of fines starting with \$100, growing to \$500 on a third offense, as well as a referral to the Board of Directors for consideration of additional punitive action. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to establish a fine escalation policy for failure to meet the definition of Readily Available to Show within 1 business day as follows: \$100 for first offense, \$500 for second offense, and referral to the Board of Directors on a third offense. On the 3rd offense the Board of Directors may discipline to their discretion in accordance with MLS Rules & Regulations. Motion Passed.

Having come to the end of the scheduled time for the meeting, the next meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, June 22nd at 2pm. At the next meeting the Committee will discuss the Visibility Type of Agent Exclusive and will also consider an update to the timeframe for new listings, price changes, listing extensions, and sold notices which is now "Midnight of the 3rd Business Day" to 1 Business Day. Other agenda items for the next meeting were arranged in order of importance and will be reflected on the next agenda.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm.