MLS & Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Lawrence Board of REALTORS®

Thursday, November 17, 2022 1:30pm to 3:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Bailey Stuart. After review, it was moved and seconded to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion passed.

LMLS Staff Report:

Paragon Changes and Lawrence MLS Extension to be reviewed by Board of Directors on December 7th.

- Board of Directors action items:
 - Waiting for attorney comments regarding language for the acknowledgement or indemnification for online display of data after closing.

2022 MLS & RULES		
Bailey Stuart, Chairperson	McG	Present
Ashley Taylor	HRE	Present
Cheri Drake	McG	Excused
Chris Earl	SRE	Present
Deanna Dibble	DRE	Absent
Jill Ballew	SRE	Excused
Jennifer Catlin	KWI	Excused
Kelly Rodriguez	KWI	Present
Libby Grady	SRE	Excused
Lindsay Landis	McG	Present
Michelle Roberts-Freeman	SRE	Present
Mohammad Aldamen	EXP	Absent
Nicholas Lerner	McG	Present
Ryan Desch	R+K	Present
Taylor LaRue	McGrew	Absent
Vanessa Schmidt	KWI	Present
Zach Dodson	SRE	Excused
Rob Hulse, Staff Liaison	LBOR	Present
Linda Manley, Staff Liaison	LBOR	Excused

Next, the Committee considered the regular agenda items.

Item #1 regarded a multi-family rider to the property disclosure was intentionally skipped.

Item #2 regarded the calculation of production awards by the LBOR. Currently each side of a transaction is equal to 100% of the sales price as production. If an agent is on both sides of the transaction, that agent will have 200% of the sales price. The LBOR receives the production lists from Brokers, rather than use MLS statistical date. The Committee's discussions included the use of only MLS data to calculate awards, how to deal with the complexity of teams, and whether the LBOR should even provide production awards. Ultimately, it was moved and seconded to do away with LBOR Production Awards. Motion Passed.

Item #3 regarded the use of enhanced photos in the MLS. The Committee discussed photo editing, as well as the addition of sunsets, lighting bursts, or modifications to photos that are not authentic to the property. Additionally, a handout from Stellar MLS & an article by the Kansas Association of REALTORS® was included in handouts. Last, Article 12 of the Code of Ethics, Standard of Practice 12-10 is applicable.

Having reached the end of the meeting time, the meeting adjourned. A next meeting date/time was scheduled for Thursday, December 1st, 2022.