

## MLS & Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Lawrence Board of REALTORS®

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

10:00 am to 11:30 am

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:

Staff reported that numerous MLS Changes had been implemented since the last meeting of the MLS & Rules Committee. Included is the following:

- Sold Non-Member LA/SA – Prompt for Agent/Office
- Dual or Variable Rate – Yes/No – has been added
- Exclusions – Yes/No – has been added
- Zillow Data Feed – Now hidden
- Open House – Added Hosting Agent (adding to IDX data feeds soon)

Staff then shared an issue with New Construction Contract in Paragraph 3.b. that was reported by a member. A “Lot Sale Contract” and “Lot Reservation Agreement” are both noted, and the LBOR does not have these specific forms. We have checked with the LHBA and they also do not have these forms. Following discussion, this was noted for the next contract review, and members of the committee will see if they can find out any information about these forms with agents who specialize in New Construction.

Next, the Committee received information about NAR Policy Changes and timelines. A complete list of the MLS Policy changes was reviewed, along with the timeline for implementation. After discussion, **it was moved and seconded that in the event the LMLS cannot meet the timelines for implementation as a result of delays from our MLS and/or site vendors, the Board of Directors will draft a letter to NAR expressing that we intend to be compliant, although vendor delays have resulted in a delay to implement the changes locally and ask for their guidance with regard to compliance. Motion Passed.**

Next, the Committee discussed the Paragon Site Review which was completed by LMLS Staff and LBOR/LMLS President, along with Black Knight support. The desire at this time is to determine the changes the LMLS plans to implement and to quantify the costs for these changes (as conveyed in a Service Change Request – SCR) so that they can be included in our request to extend our contract with Black Knight.

Discussed first was the need to expand Public Remarks, Legal Description, Directions, and Escrow Account. After discussion **it was moved and seconded to change the following. The motion Passed.**

- a. **Public Remarks – Convert from 512 characters to 2,000 characters (consistent with Heartland & Sunflower), with a capacity to expand to 4,000 characters.**
- b. **Private Remarks extended to 2,000 characters. No conversion is needed as this field is already capable of expansion to 4,000.**
- c. **Legal Description – Convert to 2,000 characters.**
- d. **Directions – Convert field to 1,000 characters. Set at 500 at the beginning, with capacity to expand to 1,000.**
- e. **Escrow Account – Convert to 50 characters.**

Next, the Committee discussed the Range Fields in the MLS. A suggestion has been made to hide the range fields and direct agents to use the actual fields for their searches. For example, instead of searching a predetermined range for square footage, the agent will enter their own minimum and maximum in the field for Total Square Feet. Considerable discussion occurred over the different range fields which are: Age, Approximate Square Feet, and Approximate Acres. After discussion **it was moved and seconded to hide the range fields for Age, Approximate Square Feet, and Approximate Acres, and redirect agents on how to search using fields for Year Built, Total Square Feet, and Total Acres. Motion Passed.**

Next, the importance of a field to denote New Construction was discussed. As a result of the discussion, **it was moved and seconded to add a field or check box for New Construction (indicating yes if checked). Motion Passed.**

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#### *Bailey Stuart, Chairperson*

	<i>McG</i>	<i>Present</i>
Cheri Drake	McG	Excused
Chris Earl	SRE	Excused
Claire Vowels	PFR	Present
Jill Ballew	SRE	Present
Libby Grady	SRE	Present
Lindsay Landis	McG	Present
Michelle Roberts-Freeman	SRE	Present
Mohammad Aldamen	EXP	Excused
Nicholas Lerner	McG	Late/Excused
Ryan Desch	R+K	Present
Shelly Milburn	BHGKC	Present
Victoria Perdue	KWI	Present
Zach Dodson	SRE	Present
Rob Hulse, Staff Liaison	LBOR	Present

Next, it was noted that there are numerous fields in the MLS that need converting to accurately reflect the values for the fields. For example, there are fields that should be for \$\$\$ but are not set up as such. The committee will review these fields and note which fields need to be converted at the next meeting.

Having reached the end of the scheduled meeting time, a next meeting was established on March 1, 2022 at 1pm.

Meeting Adjourned.