

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIVING STUDY COUNCIL

March 16, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Suite 16 Conference Room/Northwood Center
Via teleconference 1.888.808.6959 (Conference Code 9227625)
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Mark Benson, Chair.

Members Present

Mark Benson, Chair
Rosa de la Camara, Vice-Chair
Michael Andrew
Lawrence Wigdor
Kevin Stanfield, ex officio

Division Staff Present

Debbie Miller

Quorum established and verification of timely publication of meeting notice in Florida Administrative Weekly.

I. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. The members agreed to review the spreadsheet prepared by the Chair entitled "Public Email Input Sorted 031409" [before the next meeting].
- B. The members agreed that public testimony should be taken throughout the March 27 meeting, instead of at a set time.

II. REVIEW, EVALUATE, & ADVISE CONCERNING PENDING LEGISLATION

MOTION 1: Vice-Chair de la Camara recommends that the Council focus on condominium foreclosures, homeowners' association regulation, and taking up more public input, including expert testimony, before deciding what the Council wants to recommend to the Legislature.

SECOND: Member Wigdor

DISCUSSION: Vice-Chair de la Camara will invite individuals to provide expert testimony at the Miami Beach meeting. Member Stanfield will invite a representative of CONA and Tax Watch, and possibly someone from the Division of Condominiums, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes to the Tallahassee meeting.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Member Wigdor suggested term limits for board members of community associations. Much discussion followed. Member Wigdor will provide a presentation on term limits at the Tallahassee meeting.
- B. Preparation of the Final Report. Much discussion followed. The Chair recommended using the format of the 2008 Final Report of the Advisory Council on Condominiums.
- C. Members agreed on the agenda items for the March 23 meeting. The Chair and Member Stanfield will invite several legislators to the meeting. Member Wigdor will invite Senator Atwater to the meeting, as well as attorneys specializing in foreclosure issues.
- D. Expanding the jurisdiction of the small claims court. Much discussion followed.

IV. RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Chair recommended deleting "for Beginners" from the Division's publication entitled "Budgets & Reserve Schedules – A Self-Study Training Manual for Beginners".

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

MOTION 2: Vice-Chair de la Camara, to approve minutes of February 20, 2009, meeting.

SECOND: Member Andrew

VOTE: Passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.