

Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®  
Past Presidents Council  
February 23, 2023, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Hybrid Minutes

Members Present: Quinton Beckham (Chair), Pam Dent (Vice-Chair) (remote), Rives Bailey, Brad Conner, John Ince, Tele Jenifer, Barbara McMurry, Percy Montague, IV., Donna Patton, Denise Ramey, Greg Slater, Pat Sury, Pat Widhalm, Arleen Yobs.

Member Guests: S. Lisa Herndon (President).

Staff Present: Ali DiGuardo, Abby Tammen.

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by Chair Beckham. The Antitrust Statement was acknowledged. The Council did introductions.

**Approval of Minutes from October Meeting** – Minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Chair Request**

The Council discussed the lockbox Facebook comment and felt that CAAR should communicate more about the issues (e.g., lawsuits) and mandates from the National Association of REALTORS® and how it impacts real estate in general and us at the local level. The Council also reflected on the many benefits and value points CAAR provides its member and was encouraged to remind others of them, especially in changing times like the lockbox conversion.

**Board Update**

President Herndon reminded the Council that CAAR entered into a lockbox service agreement with SentiLock. The decision was made after an extensive and critical examination of all factors.

**VAR Update**

Denise Ramey provided a Virginia REALTORS® (VAR) update. It included: VAR receiving the NAR Triple Crown Award for achieving REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) goals – 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row; CAAR participating in Day on the Hill, which included a great luncheon with a focus on the importance of RPAC with VAR staff; focus on four legislative issues, including extension of security deposit window, short-term rentals, resale disclosure act, and ombudsman procedures for HOA associations; VAR legal team tracked 200 bills; the VAR convention will be in September in Richmond, VA; VA is well represented on NAR committees.

**NAR Update**

Chair Beckham shared that NAR announced that a district court issued an order granting NAR's petition to end the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of NAR, including their investigation of the MLS Participation Rule and Clear Cooperation Policy. This does not preclude the DOJ from investigating NAR in the future, and the DOJ has the option to appeal this decision if desired. Various members serving on a NAR committee shared what their group is working on.

**CEO Update**

CAAR CEO Abby Tammen provided an update. It included: a CAAR Foundation progress report, which was provided in partnership with Greg Slater; change in CAAR staff; and CAAR donating another \$71K installment to the CAAR Foundation.

**New Business**

Chair Beckham announced that no applications were submitted for 2022 Hall of Fame. The window for nominations went from October 2022 – January 2023.

**Strategic Plan**

Chair Beckham requested the Council be familiar with the current Strategic Plan.

**Important Dates**

Chair Beckham reminded the Council of the NAR Bias Override: Overcoming Barriers to Fair Housing certificate course, March General Membership Meeting, and the LGBTQ+ training with Jason Elliott.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ali DiGuardo, Staff liaison