

MINUTES
Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®
MLS Rules and Regulations Committee
Wed. February 12th, 2025

Attendance

Present: Emily Dooley (Chair), Georgia Lindsey (Board Liaison), Kevin Wilberger (Board Liaison), Errin Searcy, Rives Bailey, Donna Patton, Pat Widhalm, Tom Pace. Excused: Tom Woolfolk (Vice Chair), Lesley Gleason.
Staff: Abby Tammen, Ian Desautel.

Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Emily Dooley called the meeting to order at 1:04 and reviewed the CAAR Antitrust Statement.

Minutes

The minutes from the November 1, 2024, meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

Recap of Groups accomplishments from 2024

Work and approved motions from the 2024 MLS Rules & Regs committee were reviewed by Chair Dooley.

New Business

Volunteer Mandatory Training

Chair Dooley reviewed the mandatory training required for committee members and their completion deadline of 2-24-2025.

Volunteer Mandatory Documentation

Chair Dooley reviewed the mandatory documentation required for committee members and their completion deadline of Feb. 24th, 2025.

Reviewed Resources available to Committee members on OneDrive

Chair Dooley highlighted the available resources in the committee OneDrive folder that we will be utilizing in 2025, including governance documents & structure, Antitrust Statement, and committee roster.

Joint MLS working Group

Chair Dooley called for 3 volunteers and one alternate to serve on the MLS joint working group for 2025 between CAAR, GAAR, and HRAR to discuss MLS platform issues that affect all three associations.
Volunteers include: Tom Woolfolk, Kevin Wilberger, Emily Dooley, Kelly Ceppa (alternate)

Pending Listing Data Issues in the MLS

At Chair Dooley's request, Staff provided information on pending listings in the MLS where the proposed close date is in prior years. Staff also summarized the current MLS rules and enforcement processes. The committee gave Staff direction for cleaning up existing pending listings as well as directions on modifying the current enforcement process to avoid this issue in the future.

Discuss Potential Updates to the Rules on Prohibited information in the MLS

After brief discussion of current rules and regulations, Chair Dooley asked that Staff and 2 committee members (Georgia Lindsey and Errin Searcy) work to craft a draft of suggested changes to the rules to allow members and staff more clearly understand and enforce these rules for the April committee meeting.

Consider the expansion of the forms available in TransactionDesk to include CVR MLS's Forms Library

Chair Dooley led discussion on the addition of the Central Virginia Regional (CVR) MLS forms to the CAAR TransactionDesk platform to provide members with additional options when working with neighboring CRV MLS members. CVR MLS will make the forms available at no cost and will provide education opportunities for their use. The Committee **MADE, SECONDED, and APPROVED** the addition of the CVR MLS forms to a new subfolder in TransactionDesk.

New Business for Future Meetings

- a. Creation of a project team to evaluate and make recommendations on the removal and creation of separate documents for forms and process documentation from the current rules and regulations.
- b. Create rules governing duplicate listing creation related to current and future data shares.

Board & Staff Updates

No update at this time.

Adjourn

Chair Dooley adjourned the meeting at 2:25. Respectfully submitted, Ian Desautel, Staff Liaison