

Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council
Meeting Minutes: September 22, 2021

Introduction

Anna Miller gave brief synopsis of meeting agenda and recapped the minutes of last meeting.

Anna started a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 1st GORRC Meeting Seven

- Sam Teasley seconds the motion
- Stephen DeBaun makes the motion
- The motion is approved

HB 476

Anna Miller gives summary and statewide comparison of HB 476

Rep. Dale Washburn speaks on behalf of bill as sponsor

- Benefits by giving better governance and supervisor
- Improves service to public
- Follows pattern of real estate practitioners, accountants, and lawyers

Michael Sullivan, President of ACEC Georgia, speaks in support of HB 476 and other similar bills and advantages.

- Several other states have separate licensure boards.
- Proposes board separate budget unit and agency, administratively attached to Secretary of State
- Exact structure of real estate commission
- Language almost verbatim from public accountancy act signed in 2014
- Southern states funded solely by licensure fees
- Frequent complaints that vary in nature due to lack of enforcement; threat to public safety
- Lack of investigations puts the public at risk
- 75 % of the fee revenue will be requested
- \$125 fee would be used fund the board
- Budget will be modeled after NC budget; GA can remain among the lowest

Anna asks about start up costs and how funding will be attained

Michael states biennial renewals will change to annual, renewals will be complete during the same fiscal year, and startup costs will be added as part of the supplemental budget

Russ Pennington speaks on behalf of the bill

Darien Sykes also speaks in support of the bill

Anna opens the floor for the questions and comments

- Mark Chastain speaks in support of the bill

Anna opens the floor for the comments and questions from committee members

- No Comments or questions

Anna expects the draft report should be completed by the next meeting on Oct 6th,

Anna Miller moves to adjourn