

State of the Georgia Real Estate Commission – January 2025

About: What we do

The Georgia Real Estate Commission administers the license law that regulates brokers, salespersons, and community association managers. The staff of the Commission also support the Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board, which regulates appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies.

As a regulatory body, the role of the Commission is not to protect the industry or the profession that it regulates, nor to protect consumers. It is not the role of regulators to be advocates for either a profession or consumers. Instead, the role of the regulators is to protect the public interest.

Protecting the public interest means assuring every individual's right to justice and equal opportunity. Regulators protect the public interest when they deny the right to practice to the incompetent and unscrupulous. Regulators protect the public interest when they eliminate barriers that unreasonably limit entry into a field of practice. Regulators protect the public interest when they refuse to use licensing or registration laws to settle private disputes. Regulators protect the public interest when they refuse to use licensing or registration laws to advance the interest of private trade associations. Regulators protect the public interest when they encourage free and open markets. Therefore, the public interest demands that regulators use their best efforts to achieve impartiality.

To enforce these laws fairly and impartially, the members of the Real Estate Commission and its staff must:

- understand the attitudes and actions of both consumers and licensees in brokerage transactions and in their relationship with the Commission while relying on their experience as consumers and licensees to provide background for this understanding and to render fair and impartial treatment;
- make judgments and reach conclusions only after careful review of all relevant facts and opinions regarding allegations of wrongdoing and recommend modifications to the existing laws or new laws or regulations;
- supervise and administer the regulatory and disciplinary powers of the license law to provide that licensees and the public receive due process rights;
- generate rules and regulations that are reasonable, within the limits of the legislative law, and economically feasible to administer and enforce;
- communicate with licensees and the public to assure the appropriate dissemination of the laws and to obtain opinions and concerns regarding the nature and content of the laws;
- develop policies and procedures that are administratively feasible and not unduly burdensome to the public and licensees;
- respect and consider all opinions and views concerning the nature of the laws and their administration;
- express opinions on matters of conscience and policy in appropriate forums;
- and cooperate with their colleagues in the real estate community to improve the level of professionalism and knowledge concerning the nature and transaction of real property.

Executive Officers



Real Estate Commissioner
Mr. Lynn Dempsey



Deputy Commissioner
Mr. Craig Coffee

Current Members



Chair: Mr. Jerry Warshaw



Vice Chair: Mr. Steve Graves



Member: Ms. DeAnn Golden



Member: Mr. Cedric Matheny



Member: Ms. Brenda Thompson



Public Member: Mr. Lee Dollar

Staff: The Incredible Team

- 15 Full Time Employees – 5 in Investigations Department, 5 in Licensing Department, 2 in IT and 3 in Administration
- 10 Part Time Employees

Hiring for Call Center Representatives and Real Estate Investigators

Recent News to Note:

- The Commission has proposed amending the current continuing education requirements to require specific Broker CE. ([Link to Proposed Rule](#))

Licensing

<i>5-Jan-25</i>	Active	Inactive	All
Brokers	20,022	2,806	22,828
Salespersons	66,172	15,501	81,673
CAMs	554	197	751
Firms	12,281	626	12,907
	99,029	19,130	118,159
	84%	16%	

The Commission has issued an average of 288 new licenses per month in FY25!

Budget

\$3,170,155 for FY25

Investigative Cases

925 Pending Cases of which 800 are real estate cases and 125 are appraiser cases.

Current Projects

Building an Online Portal for submitting Applications and Accepting Credit Card Payment for them