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TREC and TALCB Schedule Strategic Plan Input Meetings

The public and our regulated communities are encouraged to participate either in person at one of the scheduled meetings, or via the agency's websites.

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Licenses and the public alike are encouraged and invited to participate in the agency's preparation of its 2011-2015 Strategic Plan by attending one of the following sessions and offering your input:

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
1:30 PM

Austin Board of Realtors
10900 Stonelake Blvd., Suite A-100
Austin, TX 78759

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
1:30 PM

San Antonio Board of Realtors
9110 W IH 10, Suite #1
San Antonio, TX 78230

TALCB Board Members

James B. Ratliff
Chair

Thursday, March 25, 2010
1:00 PM

Greater Forth Worth Association of Realtors
2650 Parkview Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Mark A. McAnally
Vice Chair

Friday, March 26, 2010

Houston Association of Realtors
3693 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77027

Luis F. De La Garza, Jr.
Secretary

10:00 AM

Walker R. Beard

If you are unable to attend, feel free to submit your comments via our websites:
www.trec.state.tx.us or www.talcb.state.tx.us

Robert D. Davis, Jr.

Danny R. Perkins

The agency oversees and regulates brokerage and sales agents, appraisers, inspectors, residential service contract "home warranty" providers, timeshare projects, and right of way/easement agents. Together these are referred to as "real estate services" providers.

Clinton P. Sayers

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Donna J. Walz

The major emphasis of these sessions is to identify ways that state government can carry out its mission most effectively and in a manner that enables Texas businesses to conduct their operations in a competitive manner without unnecessary or burdensome regulations.

Douglas E. Oldmixon
Commissioner

Topics and issues on which the agency is soliciting input (if negative, tell us why):

1. Are the consumers of real estate services adequately protected by state law and the manner in which the agency administers the law? How can this be improved?
2. Are consumers satisfied with the services they receive from real estate service providers? Are providers seen as educated, skilled, trustworthy and their services valuable?
3. Are there certain practices in any of these industries which are not currently regulated, but perhaps should be because of the potential to mislead or harm consumers?
4. Are the real estate service providers receiving pre-license education sufficient to their responsibilities? Are the continuing education requirements adequate to remain qualified?
5. Are sponsors of new licensees or trainees fulfilling their duty to train and supervise licensees they sponsor? How can this be improved?
6. Are consumers satisfied with the agency's current oversight role in monitoring license holders? Does the agency have the legal tools it needs to be effective?
7. Is the agency making good use of available technology to deliver its services? How can this be improved?
8. Is the agency operating at a high level of transparency and accountability? How can this be improved?
9. Are there any additional services that the agency should be providing to consumers?
10. Are there any additional services that the agency should be providing to its licensees?

The mission of TREC is to assist and protect consumers of real estate services and foster economic growth in Texas. Through its programs of education, licensing and industry regulation, the Commission ensures the availability of capable and honest real estate service providers. More information at: www.trec.state.tx.us

The mission of TALCB is to protect the public interest by assuring that consumers of real estate appraisal services are served by real estate appraisers qualified in accordance with federal and state law and in sufficient numbers to facilitate the free flow of commerce and industry. More information at: www.talcb.state.tx.us

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