

AGENDA



2023 NAR NXT

FAIR HOUSING POLICY COMMITTEE

May 8, 2023

8:00AM - 9:30AM ET

CHAIR: Jay Mitchell (VA)

VICE CHAIR: Dorothy Botsoe (NY)

COMMITTEE LIAISON: Sara Gerrish (TX)

STAFF EXECUTIVE: Alexia Smokler (DC)/Coeltte Massengage (DC)

PURPOSE

To develop NAR's public-policy positions on promoting equal opportunity in housing; to work with federal agencies to advance fair housing; to collaborate with other NAR committees on initiatives to close the racial homeownership gap; to identify needs and inform fair housing resources for members, brokerages, and associations; and to share equal opportunity and fair housing knowledge, expertise, analysis and information with other NAR committees, as appropriate.

I. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS 8:00 – 8:10AM ET

A. Jay Mitchell, Chair

B. Dorothy Botsoe, Vice Chair

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES 8:10 – 8:15AM ET

[EXHIBIT Minutes from Nov. 11, 2022](#)

III. INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER 8:15 - 9:00AM ET

A. Discrimination Against VA Loans and What REALTORS® Can Do About It

James Heaslet, Chief of Construction and Valuation, Department of Veterans Affairs

James Heaslet has Served as the Chief Appraiser for the Veteran's Administration's (VA) Loan Guaranty Service since August 2018, he is responsible for developing and overseeing policies and regulations for the VA Construction and Valuation department.

B. FHA Loan Mythbusting

David Sanchez, Special Policy Advisor, Federal Housing Administration

David Sanchez is the Director of Research and Policy at the National Community Stabilization Trust, where he supports NCST's policy advocacy and initiatives to support neighborhood stabilization and the rehabilitation of distressed properties.

IV. MOTION OF SUPPORT 9:00 - 9:20AM ET

Fair Housing Training Policy – [Exhibit: Proposed Fair Housing Training Policy from the Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee](#)

Presented by: Greg Kiely, Chair, Fair Housing Training Requirement Work Group

Possible Recommendations:

1. To require two (2) hours of Fair Housing training for members every three (3) years, coinciding with the Code of Ethics training cycle and beginning in 2025, as a condition of REALTOR® membership. Courses satisfying the requirement are:

- NAR's Bias Override training
- NAR's At Home With Diversity training
- Equivalent courses provided by state and local associations or their partnered providers, with terms of equivalency credit as detailed in Appendix 3B
- Fair Housing courses approved by state licensing authorities for an existing state Fair Housing requirement that meet the terms of equivalency as detailed in Appendix 3B

2. To refer to the Association Executives Committee consideration to add a requirement to conduct or promote a qualifying Fair Housing training equivalent course to the Core Standards for Local Associations.

3. To update Fairhaven for inclusion in the list of courses in Recommendation #1 in order to meet two-hour minimum training time and learning objectives as detailed in Appendix 3B.

V. REPORTS FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS 9:20 - 9:50AM ET

A. Hidden Discrimination – Jen Stevenson

B. Fair Housing Consumer Resources – Jay Mitchell

VI. CLOSING REMARKS 9:50 - 10:00AM ET

A. Dorothy Botsoe, Vice Chair

B. Jay Mitchell, Chair