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PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Three sections of the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB) will meet next week at the Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, OCILB Conference Room, Reynoldsburg. The Electrical Section will meet on Tuesday, October 1, at 10 a.m. The Plumbing Section will meet on Wednesday, October 2, at 10 a.m. The Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning Section will meet on Thursday, October 3, at 10 a.m.

OCILB issues licenses to qualified electrical, Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, hydronics and refrigeration contractors who successfully pass a licensing examination. The Board sections review applicants before they are approved to take the test for a particular trade. The Board sections also issue disciplinary actions as well as review late renewals and continuing education courses.

The Ohio Real Estate Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 2, at 9 a.m. at the Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus.

The Ohio Real Estate Commission reviews hearing examiner reports and settlement agreements each month regarding alleged real estate license law violations and considers licensee appeals on licensure issues. If a licensee is found to have violated licensing law, the Commission can revoke or suspend a license, assess a fine, order additional continuing education, or issue a public reprimand. The Commission also hears cases against unlicensed persons performing activities that require a license.

The Licensing Structure Review Task Force will meet on Thursday, October 3, at 1 p.m. in the Riffe Tower, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus.

The Licensing Structure Review Task Force is created by the Ohio Real Estate Commission to review the current real estate licensing structure in Ohio and make recommendations for possible changes. The task force will review whether the licensing structure meets the needs of today's Ohio real estate buyers and sellers, the industry, regulators and the real estate market. The task force may also recommend changes to the education, experience and examination requirements for real estate licenses.

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