



## **Connecticut REALTORS® Available Committees for 2022**

This provides an overview of each available committee in alphabetical order and notes their: purpose, composition, terms of service, desired membership qualifications, and anticipated number of annual meetings. It also lists policies related to standing committees.

### **Standing Committees:**

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

Purpose: Strengthen REALTOR® member involvement in support of the Association's political, electoral and legislative endeavors at the local, State and National levels. This effort may include enhancing member lobbying efforts for legislation supported/opposed by CTR or NAR, increasing member response to "Calls for Action", promoting attendance at political events and encouraging overall REALTOR® grassroots involvement in political campaigns for those candidates endorsed by CTR.

Composition: Up to 30 members to include a Chair, Vice Chair, one representative from each local association, at large members and at least one Association Executive liaison. The Legislative/Political DVP and Media Liaison serve ex-officio, with a vote.

Number of Meetings: As Needed

#### **GRIEVANCE/PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Purpose: Grievance is responsible for making determinations as to whether there is any validity to a complaint that would justify holding a full hearing. Professional Standards is responsible for holding ethics and arbitration hearings in accordance with established policies, including offering option for mediation and other expedited processes.

Composition: At least 15 members inclusive of Chair and Vice Chair, selected from among those holding the PSCS certification. In accordance with NAR policy, appointments will be approved by the CTR Executive Committee.

Qualifications: Must have experience in chairing hearing panels or participating in local hearings and/or Grievance meetings; and must meet the recommended qualifications outlined in the NAR Professional Standards Manual.

Number of Meetings: As Needed (only to respond to complaints or hold hearings)

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## **LEGISLATIVE/POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

Purpose: Formulate public policy positions consistent with CTR's Public Policy Statement, advocating the REALTOR® viewpoint on proposed bills or regulations and, in doing so, informing members and lawmakers of the effects of such legislation on property owners and the real estate business; and recommend new public policies.

Composition: Up to 21 members to include a Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative/Political DVP, Association Executive liaison and at least one representative from each of CTR's four Regions. Serve for two-year terms.

Qualifications: Proven experience with political issues including relationships with key legislators, commitment to CTR legislative programs (which could include responding to Calls to Action, participation in the PAC, etc.), and/or service on local association legislative committee. Preference given to those who have at least one year on the Political Fundraising Committee or Engagement Committee within the past three years. Potential committee members may be asked to complete a qualifications questionnaire.

Number of Meetings: Typically monthly during the legislative session (approximately six-seven times per year).

## **POLITICAL FUNDRAISING**

Purpose: Educate REALTORS® on the importance of raising funds for RPAC and Issues Advocacy; and to network and share the techniques that are most effective in raising funds.

Composition: Up to 25 members to include a Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative/Political DVP, Association Executive liaison, one representative from each local association and at-large members.

Number of Meetings: Typically two or three times per year.

## **RISK REDUCTION**

Purpose: Identify potential areas of liability, evaluate new/existing risk reduction products and services, recommend risk reduction material or information dissemination and make recommendations for use of the Legal Action Fund in accordance with restricted fund policies.

Composition: 24 members to include a Chair, Vice Chair, up to one member from each local association inclusive of one Association Executive liaison. The Communications/Legal DVP shall serve ex-officio, with a vote.

Number of Meetings: As Needed