

## NMLS Policy Making Process

### Goals:

Develop a policy making process for NMLS operational and developmental issues that allows for timely decisions to be made by state regulators and that take into account individual state objectives while driving towards uniformity, efficiency, and best practices.

### Three primary policy groups:

**SRR Board of Managers.** The SRR Board is the final decision-makers in all matters concerning the NMLS. The Board is governed by its Operating Agreement.

**Mortgage Licensing Policy Committee.** The SRR Board of Managers will select two state mortgage regulator representatives from a different state in each of CSBS' five districts and a Chairperson, for a total of 11 members.

**Residential Mortgage Regulatory Taskforce.** The RMRT is comprised of a representative from any state banking or mortgage regulatory agency.

### Policy Decision Process covers:

- Broad policies to be applied by the NMLS Call Center, NMLS Entitlement Group, or SRR staff in managing the NMLS.
- NMLS processes (i.e. renewal process, annual report process, pre-notification process, payment and disbursement of state funds, etc.).
- Prioritization of significant NMLS functionality.
- Handling unique company or state agency issues (i.e. how to manage multi-series LLCs in the NMLS, agency payment of NMLS processing fees, etc.).

### Policy Decision Process:

1. All major policy proposals will be drafted and distributed to the Residential Mortgage Regulator Taskforce (RMRT). The proposals will be discussed by the RMRT either during in-person meetings or conference calls. Additionally, all RMRT members will have a time period to supply comments individually to SRR staff.

Agreement on policies reached by consensus will be deemed approved by the RMRT. Consensus will mean that no state currently on the system strongly objects to the proposal or any part of the proposal or that any state that has signed the Statement of Intent does not request that the decision go to the Mortgage Licensing Policy Committee.

In cases where the RMRT does not reach consensus on a policy issue or a part of a policy issue, then the proposal will be forwarded to the Mortgage Licensing Policy Committee with a summary of the RMRT's comments.

All RMRT members will be informed and be able to participate in MLPC meetings.

2. The MLPC will make decisions by majority vote.
3. All decisions of the MLPC will be presented to the SRR Board of Managers and implemented, unless the SRR Board votes to change a particular policy.
4. Full summaries of all proposals and decisions will be maintained on the regulator-only section of the NMLS website.