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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Christine McEntire, Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board
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January 25, 2018

Dear Director McEntire:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board intends to take with respect to licensee 13015CRA in cases 17-002, 17-005, and 17-019. The licensee failed to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice when preparing several appraisals. The Board proposes to require the licensee to complete three corrective education courses, pay a fine of \$2,000, and submit to six months of probation.

The Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act authorizes the Board “[t]o censure, suspend and revoke certificates pursuant to the disciplinary proceedings provided in [the Act,]” *see* 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 858-706(7), and to require payment of fines and costs and the completion of educational programs. *Id.* § 858-723(A)(7)-(9). The Board may discipline licensees who “[v]iolat[e] any of the provisions in the code of ethics set forth in [the] Act.” *Id.* § 858-723(C)(13). The Act requires adherence to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, which contains professional requirements pertaining to ethics, competency, and scope of work. 59 O.S.2011, § 858-726. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy to uphold standards of competency and professionalism among real estate appraisers

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