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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-170A

Christine McEntire, Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board
3625 N.W. 56th St., Ste. 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

May 23, 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 13081CRA. The licensee performed an appraisal that failed to meet the required standards. At the time the appraisal was performed the license was inactive. The Board proposes to require the licensee to pay a \$500 administrative fine and all costs of this action, and to prohibit the licensee from reapplying for licensure or applying for a temporary practice permit for five years.

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 USPAP, 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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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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