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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Christine McEntire, Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board
3625 NW 56th St., Ste. 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

March 5, 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 pursuant to an agreed consent order with respect to licensee 12574CRA. A grievance was filed against the licensee for acting unprofessionally toward a builder and the Board itself. The Board proposes to impose a \$2,000 fine, require the licensee to complete the 15-hour Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice ("USPAP") course and a 4-hour ethics course, and to complete an alcohol and substance abuse course prior to February 28, 2018.

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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