

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-92A

Christine McEntire, Director Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board 3625 NW 56th St., Ste. 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73112 March 20, 2018

Dear Director McEntire:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement with respect to licensee 60055AMC in complaint A17-017. The licensee is before the board for allegations of a misrepresentation on the licensee's renewal application. The Board has made no findings of fact on these allegations. The Board proposes to issue a letter of warning and require the licensee to pay a \$1,000 fine.

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. *Id.* § 858-723(A)(8)-(9). The Board may discipline licensees who "[p]rocur[e] or attempt[] to procure a certificate . . . by knowingly making a false statement . . . in an application for certification or through any form of fraud or misrepresentation." *Id.* § 858-723(C)(1). 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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