

Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-93A

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

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 licensees 12894CRA and 13234CRA. 12894CRA served as supervisor to 13234CRA during the relevant event. The licensees failed to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice ("USPAP") when preparing an application for a Certified Residential Appraiser credential. The Board proposes to suspend both licensees for 30 days, require both to complete one year of probation, and pay prosecutorial costs and fines, and to ban both licensees from supervising any trainees for three 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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