

UTAH APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
HEBER M WELLS BUILDING
Room 250
9:00 a.m.
January 24, 2024
Zoom

MINUTES

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Justin Barney, Interim Director
Mark Fagergren, Licensing and Education Director
Kadee Wright, Chief Investigator
Michael Genco, Appraisal Licensing
Maelynn Valentine, Board Secretary
Laurel North, Lead Investigator
Bryn Kaelin, Investigator
Matt Hastings, Division Analyst
Valerie Wolfe, Assistant Attorney General
Steven Green, Assistant Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Morley-Chair
Keven Ewell-Vice Chair
Ben Brown-Board Member
Rich Sloan- Board Member
Ron Jensen-Board Member
Kelle Smart- Board Member

The January 24, 2024, meeting of the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board began at 9:00 a.m. with Chair Jeff Morley conducting.

PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 19 and 27, 2023, minutes. Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Brown, yes; Board member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

Public Comment Period

None

DIVISION REPORTS

INTERIM DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Justin Barney

Mr. Barney reported that Jonathan Stewart is no longer with the Division and has taken a position with the Appraisal Sub Committee. Mr. Barney announced that he will be the Interim Director until a permanent Director is appointed. Mr. Barney reported on the legislative session and stated that there are a couple of items within the Division's Bill that would affect the appraisal industry. One item that is included in the bill is to remove the 10-day reporting requirement, this requirement is no longer needed as all licensees have been enrolled in Rapback. There are a few other bills that the Division is tracking and will continue to keep an eye on as the session continues.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kadee Wright

Ms. Wright reported that in December the Division received two complaints, and closed zero cases, leaving 50 appraisal cases open with the Division. There are six cases pending with the AG's office. Ms. Wright introduced the new Assistant Attorney General, Valerie Wilde.

Stipulation presented by Kadee Wright

Appraisal Nation

EDUCATION AND LICENSING REPORT – Mark Fagergren

Mr. Fagergren reported on statistics. The Division saw a decrease of four appraiser trainees and six certified residential appraisers. The Division added four licensed appraisers and two certified general appraisers since last month's board meeting. Mr. Fagergren informed the Board that the Division will be holding a meeting with the experience reviewer committee via Zoom on Wednesday February 14, 2024, at 9:00 am.

Mr. Fagergren reported there were five candidates approved by both the education and experience review committees to sit for their corresponding exams.

- Christopher Jessee; Approved to sit for the Certified General Appraiser exam.
- Connor Dyreng; Approved to sit for the Licensed Appraiser exam.
- Travis Johnson; Approved to sit for the Certified General Appraiser exam.
- Breiten Anderson; Approved to sit for the Certified General Appraiser exam.
- Mark Larson; Approved to sit for the Certified General Appraiser exam.

Mr. Fagergren reported there was one candidate denied by the experience review committees to sit for the corresponding exam.

- Chase Parker

"Yes" answers of appraisers and Appraisal Management Companies that were approved by Division Representatives since our last Appraisal Board Meeting

- RBH Appraisal Management. LLC
- Jacob Jorgensen
- R3 Appraisal Management, LLC

BOARD AND INDUSTRY ISSUES – Justin Barney

Mr. Barney reported on the current Proposed Rule Amendment regarding AMC rules. The rule amendment was approved by the Board and will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Rules this week, once approved it will go to the Governor's office. It is hopeful that the rule will be in the 30-day comment period at next month's meeting. Mr. Barney will update the Board on the progress of the rule at next month's meeting.

Experience Review

Julie Johnson
Chase Parker

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual: Vote, Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Poulsen, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes. The motion passes.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

An Executive Session was held.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made and seconded to approve the stipulation for Appraisal Nation. Vote. Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board member Smart, yes. The motion was approved with concurrence from the Division.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Julie Johnson to sit for the licensed appraiser exam. Vote. Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

A motion was made and seconded to leave the application open for Chase Parker and that he submits 3 new experience logs no sooner than 6 months and no later than 12 months to be examined. Vote. Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote. Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.