

UTAH APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
HEBER M WELLS BUILDING
Room 210
9:00 a.m.
April 29, 2020
Google Meet

MINUTES

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Jonathan Stewart, Division Director
Justin Barney, Hearing Officer
Kadee Wright, Chief Investigator
Joy Natale, Real Estate Analyst
Maelynn Valentine, Board Secretary
Kendell Christiansen, Licensing Specialist
Mark Fagergren, Licensing/Education Director
Desha Pages, Licensing Specialist

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey T. Morley, Chair
Richard Sloan, Board Member
Keven Ewell, Vice Chair
Jim Bringhurst, Board Member
John Ulibari, Board Member

The April 29, 2020, meeting of the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board began at 9:01 a.m. with Chair Jeff Morley conducting.

PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 25, 2020 minutes. Vote: Chair Morley, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Bringhurst, yes; Board Member Ulibari, yes. The motion passes.

Public Comment Period

No public Comment

DIVISION REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jonathan Stewart

Director Stewart reported that the Division of Real Estate is a member of AARO which is the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials and they are partnering with the appraisal subcommittee, they are holding a webinar on April 30th for state regulatory

agencies. The purpose of the webinar is to provide an executive overview of the new ASC grants program. During the webinar participants will learn how the new ASC grants will be structured and administered, the steps required to apply for funding, estimated timelines for applications and awards and details on the types of activities that will be supported by the grants. Some of the broad strokes of this grant program are states will not compete with each other for funding. Each state will be scored against a published quality standard to qualify for the grant. Grants will be approved for more than one year at a time and will most likely be in three year increments. Provisions will be made for one-time items, such as, technology upgrades and recurring items, such as, training and education. Grant funds are intended to be for new or additional initiatives items to increase Title XI compliance; they are not intended to replace currently budgeted items or expenses. There will be a minimum level of grant awards; first round of awards could be completed as early as September of 2020. Some of the ideas the Division could use the grant money, if approved, could be for, training, technology, productivity, computer equipment and software, travel to conferences and communication. As per Title XI, the ASC is to use registry fees to make grants to state appraiser certifying in licensing agencies in accordance with policies to be developed by the appraisal subcommittee to support the efforts of such agencies to comply with this title. Director Stewart will be attending the webinar to get the details on the grant program and how to apply. He would like to get feedback from board members and Division staff for suggestions on what the funds could be used for, if approved. Director Stewart will report at next month's meeting the outcome of the webinar and what the Division would need to do moving forward.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kadee Wright

Ms. Wright reported that in March the Division received two complaints; closed three cases; leaving 26 appraisal cases open with the Division. There is one case pending with the AG's office.

Stipulation

Cameron C. Wright-Presented by Joy Natale

EDUCATION AND LICENSING REPORT – Mark Fagergren

Mr. Fagergren reported on the status for fingerprinting and testing. Fingerprinting is still on hold but Pearson Vue announced they will begin to test at testing centers on May 1st. Pearson Vue will be opening 18 3rd party vendor locations in addition to their testing sites to accommodate the social distancing guidelines. This comes as good news as there is currently a back log of applicants needing to be tested.

Live Classes and Distance learning are the classes that providers were approved to teach, however, the Appraisal subcommittee and Appraisal Qualifications Board have approved for virtual classes to be offered as live classes were cancelled due to the pandemic. The virtual classes will be approved on a temporary basis. Providers that are interested in offering virtual classes are encouraged to apply.

Mr. Fagergren reported there were four candidates approved by both the education and experience review committees for exams.

- Kevin Miles; approved to sit for the certified general appraiser exam.
- Jenifer Dawes; approved to sit for the certified residential appraiser exam.
- Teresa Pack; approved to sit for the certified residential appraiser exam.
- Kevin Spang; approved to sit for the licensed appraiser exam

There were no candidates that were recommended to be denied by the Experience Review Committee.

'Applicant for renewal

- Chris Wilson

Mr. Fagergren reported on the additional third-party testing centers approved by Pearson Vue. The drawback is that they will not be performing fingerprinting. The 3rd party testing sites are a temporary solution for additional testing sites.

Mr. Fagergren discussed that the Division has sent out to all appraisers in the state an announcement regarding an appraiser job analysis survey. The survey is being conducted on a national basis on behalf of the Appraisal Qualifications Board. This is an opportunity for all Utah appraisers to weigh in on what job duties they perform and their daily tasks. The purpose of the survey is so that the national examination can be modified to better reflect the reality of the market place in terms of what appraisers really do.

BOARD AND INDUSTRY REPORT- Justin Barney

Mr. Barney reported on the proposed rule amendment and informed the board that the work has been completed and it has been submitted to the department for comments. Once comments have been received it will be submitted to the state and move forward with time period for filing and public comment. The Division anticipates that the proposed rule amendment will go in to effect sometime in June 2020.

Experience Review

Brooke Minnoch

Oscar Hoggan

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: Chair Morley, yes; Board Member Sloan, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Bringhurst, yes; Board Member Ulibari, yes. The motion passes.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

An Executive Session was held.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mr. Barney stated the Appraisal Board met in executive session to consider the stipulation for Cameron C. Wright and that stipulation was rejected with concurrence of the Division. As of the renewal for Chris Wilson, the board has approved his renewal without restriction. The experience review hearings for Brooke Minnoch and Oscar Hoggan were held. A decision has been made with regard to the application of each applicant. They will be informed of the Board's decision by mail.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Chair Morley, yes; Board Member Sloan, yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Bringhurst, yes; Board Member Ulibari, yes. The motion passes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:47 p.m.