

UTAH APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
HEBER M WELLS BUILDING
Room 250
9:00 a.m.
February 23, 2022
Zoom

MINUTES

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Jonathan Stewart, Division Director
Justin Barney, Hearing Officer
Mark Fagergren, Licensing & Education Director
Kadee Wright, Chief Investigator
Maelynn Valentine, Board Secretary
Michael Genco, Licensing Specialist
Sydney Joy, Licensing Specialist
Laurel North, Investigator
Sandy Margullies, Assistant Attorney General
Matt Hastings, Division Analyst

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey T. Morley, Chair
Keven Ewell, Vice Chair
Kris Poulsen, Board Member
Ben Brown, Board Member
Rich Sloan, Board Member
Ron Jensen, Board Member
Kelle Smart, Board Member

The February 23, 2022 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 January 26, 2022 minutes. Chair Morley, Yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Sloan, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board Member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

Public Comment Period

None

DIVISION REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jonathan Stewart

Director Stewart reported that the Legislative session will end next Friday. Senator Bramble has brought up the issue of data collection and stated that it may be addressed legislatively, but he does not currently have a public bill file regarding this issue. The last day to make private bills public is this Friday. Director Stewart stated that the bill would require a lot of support in both the Senate and the House in order to pass in a week. There is currently a Data Collection Committee that has been put on hold once Senator Bramble talked about addressing this issue. The Committee will reconvene if Senator Bramble does not present this bill.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kadee Wright

Ms. Wright reported that in January the Division received seven complaints, closed two cases, leaving 40 appraisal cases open with the Division. There are no cases pending with the AG's office.

EDUCATION AND LICENSING REPORT – Mark Fagergren

Mr. Fagergren reported on statistics and stated that there has been an increase of eight licensed appraisers, two certified residential and ten certified general appraisers. Mr. Fagergren stated that the Division is seeing a trend of more out of state individuals seeking to become licensed appraisers in Utah.

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

- Alec Garner; Approved to sit for the Licensed Appraiser exam.
- Jayce Williams; Approved to sit for the Licensed Appraiser exam.
- Samie Cluff; Approved to sit for the Licensed Appraiser exam.
- Lora Fitch; Approved to sit for the Licensed Appraiser exam.

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

- Peter Scott Voltz
- John Cole Hottle
- Hannah Higgins

Mr. Fagergren reported on the proposed rule changes, the Appraisal Sub Committee has given feedback on a few changes and they have been added to the proposed rule amendment.

Mr. Fagergren reported that Vern Myer has created an appraisal complaint form for the Division. Mr. Myer has also created a form that he believes is an upgrade to the

Divisions currently used USPAP Checklist Form. Mr. Fagergren will send the forms to the Board prior to next month's meeting for their consideration. This will also be added to the agenda for further discussion next month.

BOARD AND INDUSTRY REPORT- Justin Barney

Mr. Barney reported on the proposed rule amendment that was sent to the Board last month. The changes from the Appraisal Sub Committee that were suggested have been addressed and the amendment is ready to move forward. It will be sent to the Commerce Department for review then on to the Governor's office and filed for public comment.

Board Member Jensen had offered to review other states regarding the current requirements on the 15-hour course. In reviewing other states Board Member Jensen suggested to amend the current rule for the 15-hour course to a minimum of a 7-hour course. Chair Morley suggested the matter be further reviewed and to keep on the agenda for further discussion at next month's meeting.

Vice Chair Ewell would like the topic of a supervisor the ability to train more that three individuals on next month agenda.

Experience Review

Branson Evans

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 Sloan, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board Member Smart, yes. The motion passes.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

An Executive Session was held.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made and seconded to approve Branson Evans to sit for the appraisal exam. Vote: Chair Morley, Yes; Vice Chair Ewell, yes; Board Member Poulsen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, 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 Poulsen, yes; Board member Sloan, yes; Board Member Brown, yes; Board Member Jensen, yes; Board Member Smart, yes. The motion passes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:03 a.m.