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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Christine McEntire, Director
Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board
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Oklahoma City, OK 73112

November 12, 2020

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 licensee 10840CRA. The licensee was previously disciplined and was on probation. *See* A.G. Opins. 2017-520A, 2019-199A. While on probation, the licensee performed an appraisal that failed to meet the required standards. The Board proposes to suspend the license for 30 days, and upon completion of the suspension, place the license on probation for one year.

The Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act authorizes the Board suspend and revoke certificates pursuant to the disciplinary proceedings and require payment of fines. *See* 59 O.S.Supp.2020, § 858-723(A)(2), (3). 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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