


**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board Meeting**

10:00 a.m., November 14, 2013  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina



**Meeting Called to Order**

Joel Norwood, Chairman, called the meeting of the Real Estate Appraisers Board to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Rhonwen Newton, Vice Chair; Jake Knight, Secretary; Michael Dodds, Andrew Johnson, Ann King and Christopher Donato.

Mr. Norwood announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrances to the Kingstree Building.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Roderick Atkinson, Administrator; Wanda Cooke, Administrative Assistant; Laura Smith, Compliance Coordinator; Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin; General Counsel; and Tom Cullinan, Office of Investigations.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no absences.

**Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2013 Meeting**

**MOTION:**

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2013 meeting. Mr. Donato seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman’s Remarks – Joel Norwood**

Fee Adjustment Proposal

At the last meeting of the SC Appraisers Board, Ms. Pisarik addressed the Board to discuss services offered and to propose fee adjustments. There were no votes taken at that time because the Board had additional questions and requested additional information from Ms. Pisarik. Chairman Norwood met with Ms. Pisarik prior to today’s meeting to discuss same. It has been decided that the Appraisers Board will not be required to adjust fees at this time.

**Administrator’s Remarks – Roderick Atkinson**

- 1) **Budget Update** – The budget ending October 2013 was distributed for review.
- 2) **Licensure update – Laura Smith**

Number of Licensees as of **November 12, 2013**

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPRENTICE	159	1	160
LICENSED	194	33	227
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL	1056	56	1112
CERTIFIED GENERAL	960	19	979
LICENSED MASS	57	1	58
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL MASS	68	3	71
CERTIFIED GENERAL MASS	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2523</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2636</b>

TEMPORARY PERMITS                      ISSUED IN 2012 – 293                      ISSUED IN 2013 – 233

**3) Investigations & Enforcement Update – Sharon Wolfe**

Case Report for January 1, 2013 – November 8, 2013 was presented for review. Also case report for same time period in 2012 was presented for comparison.

#### 4) IRC Report

The IRC Report from November 1, 2013, was presented for approval.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Donato made a motion to approve the IRC Report from November 1, 2013, with one correction. Mr. Knight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Knight requested that a report be provided to the Board regarding the status of open cases.

Erin Baldwin, Office of General Counsel, addressed the Board to discuss the matter of Bruce R. Volk, Sr. Mr. Volk has retained Jake Moore, Esq. and Mr. Moore has made a motion for continuance in this case.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Knight made a motion to accept the motion of continuance. Mr. Donato seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Agenda

One change was made to the agenda: Removing "ASC Audit results" and replacing it with "Approval of the Agenda".

**MOTION:**

Mr. Donato made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Knight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business

Mr. Knight gave a brief update on the AMC legislation.

License Law Update - Approved changes have been made and it will be resubmitted. Holly Beeson will be meeting with our lobbyist to stress the urgency of this piece of legislation.

Mr. Donato, Mr. Knight and Mr. Cullinan reported on their attendance of the 2013 AARO Conference held in Washington DC.

Mr. Dodds informed the Board that the next edition of the Palmetto Appraiser is ready for distribution. It has been submitted to LLR's Public Information department for approval. We should be able to send e-blast within the next couple of days. Chairman Norwood requested that someone on staff take over the task of compiling the newsletter for future editions. Board will provide content and staff will assist with composition and delivery.

Gigi Lewis advised the Board that Chairman Norwood raised a question regarding the appraisal licensure requirements for banks performing evaluations and appraisals that give value to real estate or real property. This question was directed to the Attorney General's office, which directed it back to the Board staff. Research is being conducted by the Office of Advice Counsel to determine the licensure requirements for bank employees and/or independent contractors performing evaluations and appraisals. South Carolina is a mandatory appraisal licensing state if a value is given for real estate or real property. Federal law has exceptions to this and many banks are chartered under federal law.

### **New Business**

Information was distributed to the Board for renewal of their Board issued license plates for the 2014.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Knight made a motion to take a brief recess. Mr. Dodds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Newton left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. However, a quorum was maintained.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Disciplinary Hearing**

**William D. Hardy, Jr.**

The Board held a disciplinary hearing regarding William D. Hardy, Jr. Mr. Hardy was present and was represented by George Brant, III, Esq. Case was presented and discussion ensued.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Ms. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Donato made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. Knight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **MOTION:**

Mr. Johnson made a motion that all charges be dismissed. Mr. Donato seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

***This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.***

Ms. Baldwin provided the Board with a copy of the Office of General Counsel case statistics. Ms. Baldwin invited the Board to offer feedback regarding the Hearing today, either to Ms. Lewis or Mr. Atkinson.

## **Adjournment**

### **MOTION**

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dodds seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the South Carolina Appraisers Board will be held on February 13, 2014.