

MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

October 20, 2014

The Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board held its regular business meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at 9071 Interline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to regular call, of which all members of the board were duly notified, at which meeting the following members were present:

BOARD

Roland M. Hall, Sr., Chairman
Gayle A. Boudousquie, Secretary
Michael A. Graham
Newton J. "Butch" Landry
Clay F. Lipscomb
Gary S. Littlefield

STAFF

Bruce Unangst, Executive Director
Arlene Edwards, Legal Counsel
Anne Brassett
Robert Maynor
Summer Mire
Ryan Shaw
Marsha Stafford
Sara Wheeler
Jenny Yu

GUESTS

Kim Calloway, House Legislative Services
Jeremy Grow
Rebecca Smith, Adams and Reese, LLP
Tim Theriot, Certified Residential Appraiser #R3864

Board members Tommie McMorris and Pete Pauley were unable to attend the meeting.

Call to Order

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order and led the Invocation. Mr. Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance. On motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Ms. Boudousquie, the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written and circulated.

Budget Report

Ms. Yu provided the budget report for the period ending September 30, 2014 (See Attachment A).

Investigative Matters

Jeremy Grow appeared before the Board to request authorization to proceed with his application for an appraiser trainee license. On June 18 2013, Mr. Grow pled guilty to a 4th Offense DWI (See Attachment B). For this offence, he was sentenced to ten (10) years hard labor, five (5) years suspended, four (4) years house arrest, and one (1) year parish prison. Fine of \$5,000.00 suspended, all costs to be paid, monthly probation fees of \$60.00, and \$2,500.00 restitution to each victim. On January 13, 2014, Mr. Grow was released on Diminution of Sentence (Good-Time Parole). He was placed on probation on June 30, 2014. His probationary period will terminate June 30, 2019. He is in compliance with all required probation conditions. Mr. Graham made motion, seconded by Mr. Landry, to approve Mr. Grow's request to obtain an appraiser trainee license. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Director's Report

Director Unangst advised that renewal notices will be going out soon. He stressed the importance of completing all required continuing education and renewing timely, as failing to satisfy the continuing education requirement for license renewal is handled very seriously on the federal level.

Mr. VanDuyvendijk is currently in Washington, D.C. attending the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO) Conference. The AARO Conference is held twice yearly and is an excellent opportunity to meet and share ideas with appraiser officials from various jurisdictions throughout the country. Director Unangst reported that Mr. VanDuyvendijk has proven to have excellent organizational, writing skills, etc. He will be quite an asset to the agency.

Director Unangst expects to have continuing education course recommendations on the agenda for next month's business meeting.

With the increase in complaints against appraisal management companies, Director Unangst anticipates that there will be hearings next year. He has spoken with retired Judge Darrell White, who has agreed to serve/act as Hearing Officer for these AMC hearings given the Board's approval. Director Unangst wants these hearings to be formalized to ensure that all is done according to law.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Graham mentioned problems with misinformation from education vendors offering continuing education courses under the pretense that the course(s) are approved for, both, appraiser and real estate sales and broker license renewal. This caused huge problems for real estate appraisers who also hold a real estate license. Director Unangst advised that information clarifying dual continuing education credit review and approval will be sent to all licensed real estate appraisers to eliminate such problems during this renewal period.

There being no additional items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion made by Mr. Lipscomb and seconded by Ms. Boudousquie.

Roland M. Hall

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