

TEXAS APPRAISER LICENSING
AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

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vs.

DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO.
13-208

Michael Kevin Morris
TX-1322073-R

AGREED FINAL ORDER

On the 21 day of NOV, 2014, the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, (the "Board"), considered the matter of the certification of Michael Kevin Morris (the "Respondent").

In order to conclude this matter, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and further agrees to the disciplinary action set out in this Agreed Final Order (the "Agreed Final Order"). The Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this Agreed Final Order in accordance with TEX. OCC. CODE § 1103.458.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Texas state certified residential real estate appraiser who holds certification number TX-1322073-R and was certified by the Board during all times material to the above-noted complaint.
2. Respondent appraised residential real property located at 1830 Cotton Creek Trail, Midlothian, Texas 76065 (the "Property") on or about May 2, 2013.
3. Thereafter, the complaint, numbered 13-208, was filed with the Board by Eric Walker, on or about April 29, 2013. The Board investigated the complaint to ensure compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), TEX. OCC. CODE CHPT. 1103 (the "Act") and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE CHPT. 153 and 155 (the "Rules").
4. The Board, in accordance with the mandate of TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. CHPT. 2001, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), and the Act, notified Respondent of the nature of the accusations involved, on or about May 3, 2013. Respondent was afforded an opportunity to respond to the accusations in the complaint and was also requested to provide certain documentation to the Board. Thereafter, the Respondent responded with documentation, on or about May 24, 2013.
5. As a result of the Board's investigation, the Board contends that Respondent violated TEX. OCC. CODE § 1103.405, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 153.20(a)(6) and 155.1(a)

by the following acts or omissions which did not conform to USPAP in effect at the time of the appraisal reports for the Property:

- a. USPAP Record Keeping Rule – Respondent failed to create and maintain a workfile containing all data, information, and documentation necessary to support the opinions and conclusions in the appraisal;
- b. USPAP Scope of Work Rule, USPAP Standards Rule 1-2(h) and 2-2(b)(viii) – Respondent failed to perform the scope of work necessary for credible assignment results;
- c. USPAP Standards Rule 1-2(f), 2-1(c), and 2-2(b)(x) – Respondent failed to identify and report extraordinary assumptions;
- d. USPAP Standards Rule 1-2(e)(i) and 2-2(b)(iii) – Respondent failed to adequately identify and report the site description;
- e. USPAP Standards Rule 1-4(f) and 2-2(b)(viii) – Respondent failed to report public and private improvements off site;
- f. USPAP Standards Rule 1-2(e)(iv) and 2-2(b)(viii) – Respondent failed to consider and report restrictions on the property;
- g. USPAP Standards Rule 1-3(a) and 2-2(b)(viii); 1-1(b) – Respondent failed to identify and analyze the effect on use and of existing land use regulations;
- h. USPAP Standards Rule 1-3(b) and 2-2(b)(ix) – Respondent failed to properly develop the opinion of highest and best use;
- i. USPAP Standards Rule 1-4(b)(i), 1-4(b)(ii), and 2-2(b)(viii); 1-1(a) and 1-4(b) – Respondent failed to use an appropriate method or technique to develop a site value determination; Respondent failed to use an appropriate method or technique to determine the cost new of improvements and failed to collect, verify, analyze, and reconcile the cost new of improvements;
- j. USPAP Standards Rule 1-4(a) and 2-2(b)(viii); 1-1(a) and 1-4(a) – Respondent has failed to collect, verify, analyze and reconcile comparable sales data adequately and has not employed recognized methods and techniques in the sales comparison approach. Respondent did not provide appropriate supporting documentation nor reasoning and a summary of analysis of the sales comparison approach. Respondent also failed to make appropriate adjustments or made inappropriate adjustments to the sales used, and did not disclose the analysis and reasoning behind the adjustments made or not made;
- k. USPAP Standards Rule 1-6(a), 1-6(b), and 2-2(b)(viii) – Respondent failed to reconcile the quality and quantity of the data within the approaches used, and the applicability or suitability of the approaches;

- I. USPAP Standards Rule 2-1(a) – Respondent made incorrect certifications; and
 - m. USPAP Standards Rule 1-1(a), 1-1(b), 1-1(c), 2-1(a) and 2-1(b) – For the reasons detailed above, Respondent produced an appraisal report for the Property that contained several substantial errors of omission or commission by not employing correct methods and techniques. This resulted in an appraisal report that was not credible.
6. Respondent made material misrepresentations and material omissions of material fact with respect to the appraisal of the Property as detailed above.
 7. The parties enter into this Agreed Final Order in accordance with TEX. OCC. CODE § 1103.458.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Act.
2. Respondent violated the above-noted provisions of USPAP as prohibited by TEX. OCC. CODE § 1103.405 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.1(a) and 153.20(a)(6).
3. Respondent violated 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 153.20(12) by making material misrepresentations and material omissions of material fact.
4. The parties are authorized to resolve their dispute by means of a consent order in accordance with TEX. OCC. CODE § 1103.458.

ORDER

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board **ORDERS**:

1. **PREVENTATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** On or before November 21, 2015, Respondent shall promulgate, adopt, and implement written, preventative policies and procedures addressing each of the above-noted deficiencies in his professional appraisal practice. Respondent shall submit the written, preventative policies and procedures to the Board, on or before November 21, 2015.
2. **MENTORSHIP.** On or before November 21, 2015, Respondent shall complete four (4) hours of in-person mentorship conducted by a certified USPAP instructor approved by the Board in accordance with the schedule and topics set out below. Respondent shall submit a certification of completion signed by the approved certified USPAP instructor and a signed copy of the Guidelines for Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board Mentors and Mentees on or before the due date listed for each mentorship requirement. **Respondent is solely responsible for locating and scheduling an approved mentor to timely**

satisfy this Agreed Final Order and is urged to do so well in advance of any compliance deadline to ensure adequate time for completion.

- a. Four (4) hours of mentorship regarding the above-noted violations, on or before November 21, 2015.
3. **REPORT.** On or before November 21, 2015, upon completion of the mentorship, Respondent shall submit to the Board a written two (2) page report regarding the topics covered in the in-person mentorship.
4. **EDUCATION.** On or before November 21, 2015, Respondent shall submit documentation of attendance and successful completion of the classes set out below to the Board. All classes required by this Agreed Final Order must be classes approved by the Board. Unless otherwise noted below, all classes must require in-class attendance. If the class requires an exam, Respondent must receive a passing grade on the exam. None of the required class hours will count toward Respondent's continuing education requirements for licensure. **Respondent is solely responsible for locating and scheduling classes to timely satisfy this Agreed Final Order and is urged to do so well in advance of any compliance deadline to ensure adequate time for completion of the course in the event of course cancellation or rescheduling by the course provider.**
 - a. A classroom course on USPAP, a minimum of fifteen (15) class hours, on or before November 21, 2015.
 - b. A classroom course on the sales comparison approach, a minimum of eight (8) class hours, on or before November 21, 2015.
5. Respondent shall fully and timely comply with all of the provisions of this Agreed Final Order; and
6. Respondent shall comply with all provisions of the Act, the Rules of the Board, and USPAP in the future or be subjected to further disciplinary action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER

If Respondent fails to timely comply with any terms in this Agreed Final Order, which has a specific, stated due date, Respondent shall be assessed a \$1,000 administrative penalty and Respondent's license, certification, authorization or registration shall be suspended, until Respondent is in full compliance with the terms of this order and the \$1,000 administrative penalty has been received by the board.

Any such suspension shall be effective without the need for a hearing or other administrative due process under the Act or the APA, and Respondent specifically waives any such hearing or due process.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Final Order, waives the Respondent's right to a formal hearing, any motion for rehearing, and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Final Order. Information about this Agreed Final Order is subject to public information requests and notice of this Agreed Final Order will be published on the Board's website.

I have read and reviewed this entire Agreed Final Order fully and am entering into it of my own free will to avoid the expense of litigation and to reach an expeditious resolution of the matter. I neither admit nor deny that the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein are correct. I understand all of my compliance obligations under this Agreed Final Order and the consequences for failing to comply with those obligations.

I understand that the board and its staff cannot provide me with legal advice and I am aware of my right to be represented by an attorney of my own choosing. I am aware of my right to a hearing, and hereby waive a hearing and also waive any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Final Order, including for any subsequent action resulting from my failure to timely comply with an administrative requirement of this Agreed Final Order (e.g. payment of a penalty, completion of remedial education, or failure to provide logs).

DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE

Respondent is solely responsible for timely delivery to the Board of all documents and payments necessary for compliance of this Agreed Final Order. Payment of any administrative penalties due must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the "Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board" and delivered via certified mail, return receipt requested. Respondent shall retain documentation (reply email, fax confirmation, return receipt, etc.) confirming timely receipt by the Board of all the documents necessary for compliance of this Agreed Final Order.

Respondent shall send all documents and payments necessary for compliance by: (1) email to: compliance.talcb@talcb.texas.gov; (2) fax to: (512) 936-3966, attn: Compliance; or (3) certified mail, return receipt requested, to: Standards & Enforcement Services, Texas Appraiser Licensing & Certification Board, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701.

EXECUTION

This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, in form of electronic mail, facsimile, or other written expression of agreement, each of which shall be deemed an original and together shall comprise evidence of full execution of the agreement.

THE DATE OF THIS AGREED FINAL ORDER shall be the date it is executed by the Chairperson of the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. The Chairperson has been delegated the authority to sign this Agreed Final Order by the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board vote.

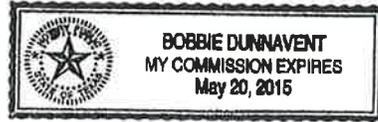
RESPONDENT

Signed this 20 day of August, 2014.


Michael Kevin Morris

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned, on this the 20 day of August, 2014, by Michael Kevin Morris, to certify which, witness my hand and official seal.

Bobbie Dunnavent
Notary Public Signature



Bobbie Dunnavent
Notary Public's Printed Name

STANDARDS AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Signed by the Standards and Enforcement Services Division this 20th day of August, 2014.


Kyle Wolfe, Staff Attorney
Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board

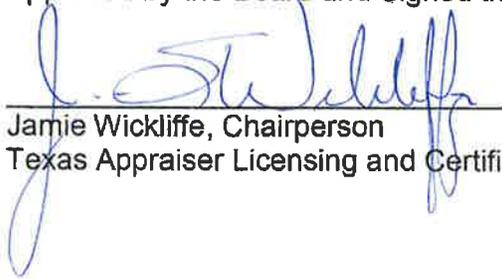
COMMISSIONER

Signed by the Commissioner this 21 day of Nov, 2014.


Douglas Oldmixon, Commissioner
Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board

CHAIRPERSON

Approved by the Board and Signed this 21 day of November, 2014.



Handwritten signature of Jamie Wickliffe in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Jamie Wickliffe, Chairperson
Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board