

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION
76 Northern Ave, Gardiner, Maine

MAINE BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS
PUBLIC MEETING
May 7, 2024
MINUTES

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Wendy Boston, Chair	Cathy Pendergast, Administrator
Nathan Shipley, Complaint Officer	John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General
Alan Johnson, Vice-Chair	Regina Ritchie, Licensing Supervisor
Russell Barrows	Kaleigh Kennedy, Office Specialist I
	Shara Chesley, Office Specialist I
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Jacques Weinstein	<u>None</u>

Location: 76 Northern Ave. Gardiner ME

Start: 9:03 a.m.

Adjourn: 10:56 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:03 a.m.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None.

II. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley to approve the April 2, 2024 Minutes. Unanimous.

III. ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2023-REA-19186 Thomas A. Siegel

Recording started at 9:06 a.m.

Hearing officer- Mark Terison opened the hearing at 9:06 a.m. Thomas A. Siegel was present, represented by self. AAG Katie Johnson presented the Board's case.

Public deliberations were conducted at the close of the hearing.

A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a preponderance of the evidence showed a violation of Board Rule Chapter 220 § 2(1) for failing to complete 14 hours of Board approved continuing education in the 2022 calendar year and prior to renewing his license. Disciplinary sanctions include a WARNING and \$200 civil penalty. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Barrows to allow Chair Boston to sign the Decision and Order when it is written. Unanimous.

Hearing ended at 9:40 a.m. Recording was stopped.

IV. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-REA- 19787- A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Barrows for violation of the Ethics Rule; Scope of Work Rule; Standards Rules 1-2; 2-1(a); and 2-3(a). Discipline to include a Warning, written confirmation within 30 days confirming review of USPAP Advisory Opinions 25, 26, 27, 30, 36; and completion with passing grade of the 15 Hour National USPAP Course within 30 days of executed agreement. Course not to be used for license renewal. Boston, Johnson, and Barrows voted in the affirmative. Shipley abstained. Motion carried.

2024- REA-19792- A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Johnson to dismiss for lack of a violation. Boston, Barrows and Johnson voted in the affirmative. Shipley abstained. Motion carried.

2024-REA-19934- A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Johnson to dismiss with a letter of guidance regarding the role of a supervisory appraiser. Boston, Barrows and Johnson voted in the affirmative. Shipley abstained. Motion carried.

2024-REA-19831 and 2024-REA-19832 -A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Johnson to dismiss for lack of a violation. Boston, Barrows and Johnson voted in the affirmative. Shipley abstained. Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two attendees who attempted to discuss open complaints were instructed to contact Board staff.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The Board discussed a Short Term Rental Valuation Inquiry.

The Administrator discussed the May 3-5 Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO) Conference.

VII. METING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

VIII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Shipley to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. Being no further board business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.