

### STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

**BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS** 





Joan F. Cohen Acting Commissioner

# Public Board Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2025, AGENDA

**Location:** 76 Northern Ave Gardiner, ME 04345

Room: Central Conference Room

<u>Time:</u> 9:00 a.m.

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### **Option for Virtual Attendance by the Public:**

In addition, though not required by law, this meeting is being made virtually available using the Zoom platform to members of the public who do not attend in-person. A link for the public to access the Board of Real Estate Appraisers meeting virtually will be posted on the Real Estate Appraisers Board website at: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-real-estate-appraisers/home/board-meeting-information">https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-real-estate-appraisers/home/board-meeting-information</a>

The Board of Real Estate Appraisers expects that members of the public who attend the meeting virtually will be able to provide public comment to the same extent as members of the public who attend in-person.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

## **II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

### **III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of November 22, 2024, Minutes

## **IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARING**

2024-REA-20104 Zachary W. W. Brewster

## V. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

## VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board, except for any open application or complaint. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the Board Chair, a time limit on comments may be set.

### **VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

#### 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* November 22, 2024 MINUTES

| MEMBERS PRESENT                   | STAFF PRESENT                             |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Wendy Boston, Chair               | Cathy Pendergast, Administrator           |
| Alan Johnson, Vice-Chair          | Betsy Stivers, Assistant Attorney General |
| Nathan Shipley, Complaint Officer | John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General  |
| Russell Barrows                   | Jazmyne Marks, Licensing Supervisor       |
| Jacques Weinstein                 | Heidi Lincoln, Office Specialist I        |
|                                   | Shara Chesley, Office Specialist I        |
|                                   |   |
| MEMBERS ABSENT                    | OTHERS PRESENT                            |
|                                   | None                                      |
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#### **Location:** 76 Northern Ave. Gardiner ME

Start: 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: 1:26 p.m.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS None.

#### III. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley to approve November 5, 2024, Minutes. Boston, Barrows, Shipley and Johnson voted in the affirmative. Weinstein abstained. Motion carried.

#### IV. ADJUDICATORY HEARING

2023-REA-19093 Maria E. Weymouth

Johnson and Weinstein recused.

Hearing started at 9:05 a.m.

Hearing Officer – Rebekah Smith opened the hearing at 9:05 a.m. Marie E. Weymouth was present, represented by Scott J. Lynch. AAG Tim Steigleman presented the Board's case.

Public deliberations were conducted at the close of the hearing.

1. A motion was made by Boston and seconded by Barrows that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 14014-A(7). Unanimous.

- 2. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a preponderance of the evidence demonstrated a violation pursuant to 32 M.R.S § 14014-A(8). Unanimous.
- 3. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §8003(5-A)(A)(4) & (5) for violating a governing law and rules of the Board, specifically 32 M.R.S. § 14028 and Board Rules Chapter 240 by failing to comply with standards established by USPAP when developing and drafting an appraisal report in February 2023:
  - A. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of Standard Rule 1.1(a) occurred. Unanimous.
  - B. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of Standard Rule 1.1(b) occurred. Unanimous.
  - C. A motion was made by Shipley and seconded by Barrows that a violation of Standard Rule 1.1(c) occurred. Unanimous.
  - D. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 1-2(e) did not occur. Unanimous
  - E. A motion was made by Shipley and seconded by Barrows that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 1-4(a) occurred. Unanimous
  - F. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 1-4(b)(ii)(iii) occurred. Unanimous
  - G. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 1-5(b) occurred. Unanimous
  - H. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 1-6(a) occurred. Unanimous
  - I. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that a violation of USPAP Standard Rule 2-1(a) occurred. Unanimous
  - J. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that violation of the Ethics Rule did not occur. Unanimous.
  - K. A motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley that violation of the Competency Rule did not occur for failing to timely decline or withdraw from the assignment. Unanimous.

#### Sanctions

A Motion was made by Barrows and seconded by Shipley to impose sanctions including a Censure; successful completion of the 15-Hour Residential Appraiser Site Valuation and Cost Approach and 30-Hour Residential Sales Comparison and Income Approaches courses within 60 days of issuance of the Decision in Order. Unanimous.

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

The hearing ended at 1:01 p.m. Recording was stopped.

Johnson and Weinstein re-joined the meeting.

V. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2024-REA-20279 – A motion was made by Weinstein and seconded by Johnson to dismiss with a Letter of Guidance. Weinstein, Boston, Johnson & Barrows voted in the affirmative. Shipley abstained. Motion carried.

- VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT None.
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

### VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

#### IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Barrows seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.

Being no further board business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.