

**BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER EXAMINING BOARD
OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Ronald D. Kerr
CR01936
Ace Appraisal Service
6930 NE 56th Street, Suite 78
Altoona, IA 50009

RESPONDENT

CASE NO. 08-01

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES
AND CONSENT ORDER**

A. Statement of Charges

1. The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543D (2005).
2. Respondent is a certified general real estate appraiser in Iowa. He was issued Certificate No. CR01936 on August 19, 1996.
3. Certificate No. CR01936 is currently valid and in good standing, and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2008.
4. The Board received a complaint in January 2008, alleging that an appraisal report completed by Respondent failed to comply with applicable appraisal standards. The Board submitted the appraisal to a Standard Three USPAP review that revealed significant violations of USPAP standards. The Board requested a log and selected two additional appraisals for review. The Standard Three reviews of the additional appraisals also revealed USPAP violations, particularly of reporting standards.
5. Following investigation, the Board charges Respondent with: (a) Repeated failure to adhere to appraisal standards in the development and communication of appraisals; (b) failure to exercise reasonable diligence in the development, preparation and communication of appraisals; and, (c) demonstrating negligence or incompetence in the development, preparation and communication of appraisals, in violation of Iowa Code sections 543D.17(1)(d), (e), and (f), and 543D.18(1) (2003, 2005), and 193F Iowa Admin. Code 7.2 and (5).
6. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Consent Order, rather than proceed to contested case hearing.

B. Settlement Agreement and Consent Order

7. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges, but waives his right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. This Consent Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.

8. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.

9. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

10. This Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2005).

11. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a) (2005). However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

12. This Order is subject to approval of the Board:

(a) If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.

(b) If the Board approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

A. Education

Respondent shall complete the following educational courses by February 1, 2009, and shall forward certificates of completion to the Board within 10 calendar days of completion:

- (1) a 15-hour tested classroom USPAP course;
- (2) 30-hours pre-approved classroom courses on the three approaches to value; and,
- (3) a pre-approved classroom course on report writing of at least 7 hours.

B. Probation and Desk Review

- (1) Respondent's certificate is placed on probationary status until the terms of this Consent Order have been fully complied with, and Respondent has been released from probation by Board order.
- (2) On or before September 1, 2008, Respondent shall enter into a desk review consultation agreement with a desk review appraiser pre-approved by the Board.
- (3) Respondent shall submit a copy of the consultation agreement to the Board no

later than September 15, 2008. The agreement may be in letter-form, but shall attach a copy of the Consent Order to assure the desk reviewer is familiar with the terms of this Order.

- (4) By December 1, 2008, Respondent shall submit a total of six appraisal reports to his pre-approved desk reviewer. Respondent may select which appraisal reports he will subject to desk review. The Board suggests that Respondent submit two reports shortly following the completion of education and four additional reports after making any adjustments suggested by the desk reviewer.
- (5) By January 1, 2009, Respondent shall submit to the Board, a copy of the appraisal reports as he submitted them to desk review, a copy of the desk reviewer's review reports, work files on all submitted appraisals, and a copy of any reissued appraisal report.
- (6) For as long as Respondent is on probationary status, he shall submit a monthly log of all appraisals he has completed, providing a written log by the 10th of each month for the preceding month.
- (7) The reviewing appraiser shall perform a Standard Three desk review of each appraisal report submitted by Respondent. The review shall be for facial compliance with USPAP. The reviewer will not perform inspections or warrant the accuracy of Respondent's work product, but will review work papers, calculations and any other documents reasonably needed. Along with appraisal reports and work files, Respondent shall provide the reviewing appraiser copies of all documents verifying the accuracy of factual representations in each draft appraisal.
- (8) The reviewer shall prepare written comments on each appraisal's compliance with USPAP, and shall provide copies of the written comments both to the Board and to Respondent. If the desk reviewer's comments reveal significant USPAP violations that render misleading the previously issued appraisal report, Respondent shall correct and reissue the appraisal report to the client. In the event a report is reissued, Respondent shall disclose the professional assistance of the desk reviewer in the reissued report.
- (9) If the desk review comments and appraisals do not reveal significant USPAP violations and Respondent has complied with all terms of this Consent Order, the Board shall release Respondent from probation. The Board intends the reviews to be educational and shall accordingly give most weight to the latter reviews.
- (10) If the desk review comments and/or appraisals do reveal significant USPAP violations, the Board shall continue Respondent's probation on such terms as will address the issues revealed in desk review. The Board may accordingly order additional education or desk reviews, or other rehabilitative measures. No such order will be issued without affording Respondent reasonable notice and an opportunity to request hearing on such additional probationary terms.
- (11) Respondent may not change desk reviewers without prior written approval by the Board.

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- (12) This settlement shall not preclude the Board from filing additional changes if one or more of the appraisals submitted for desk review demonstrate probable cause to take such an action on an appraisal that was issued to the public. Respondent agrees Board review of desk review reports or appraisals subject to desk review shall not constitute "personal investigation" or otherwise disqualify a Board member from acting as a presiding officer in any subsequent contested case.
- (13) Until released from the desk review process, Respondent agrees he shall not act as a review appraiser and shall not co-sign appraisals with any other associate or certified appraiser. Respondent shall not supervise the work product of an associate appraiser or unlicensed appraiser until released from desk review.
- (14) The dates set forth above provide the deadlines within which education and desk review must be completed. Respondent is free to escalate the time frames by completing the education and desk review earlier than the deadlines. However, at least four of the desk reviews must be completed after Respondent completes all required education.

C. Future Compliance. Respondent shall in the future comply with all Board laws and rules, and all applicable appraisal standards including, but not limited to, geographical competence.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

The Respondent

[Redacted Signature]

Ronald D. Kerr

July 17, 2008
Date

**The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser
Examining Board**

[Redacted Signature]

Michael Lara, Chair

8/13/08
Date

Department of Commerce
Professional Licensing Bureau
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Board/Commission
Signature, Executive Officer

BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
Ronald D. Kerr)	CASE NO. 09-29
CR01936)	
CONSENT)	AGREED AMENDMENT TO
Respondent)	ORDER IN CASE NO. 08-01

The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board and Respondent agree to amend the Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order in Case No. 08-01, as follows:

1. The Board and Respondent entered into a Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order in Case No. 08-01 on August 13, 2008.
2. The Board charged Respondent with failure to comply with the Consent Order in Case No. 09-29. Hearing started on April 29, 2009, but was halted due to Respondent's illness.
3. Hearing is now set for September 15, 2009. Respondent has expressed a desire to retire from the practice of real estate appraising and the Board has agreed to amend the original Consent Order to reflect Respondent's retirement. Respondent's certificate shall be placed on inactive status upon the execution of this Amendment to Consent Order. Respondent agrees he shall not renew his Iowa certificate when it expires June 30, 2010 and that he is voluntarily surrendering his certificate. Respondent's retirement closes this case.
4. Respondent may apply to reinstate his Iowa certificate in the future by applying to the Board in advance under the provisions of 193 IAC 7.38. In addition to the provisions of 193 IAC 7.38 and demonstrating all needed continuing education for reinstatement, Respondent shall demonstrate that all education required by the Consent Order has been successfully completed. The Board may require, as a condition of reinstatement, that Respondent be placed under probation and be required to practice under the supervision of a pre-approved certified appraiser until he can demonstrate compliance with applicable USPAP standards.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

The Respondent

[Redacted Signature]

Ronald D. Kerr

September 4, 2009
Date

**The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser
Examining Board**

[Redacted Signature]

Michael Lara, Chair

9/15/09
Date