

# NORTH DAKOTA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER QUALIFICATIONS AND ETHICS BOARD

## Board Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2025 - Zoom Meeting

Chair Kost called the meeting to order at 9:46am. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Chair Corey Kost, Vice Chair Matt Schlenvogt, Nikki Mertz, Joe Sheehan, and Brock DesLauriers  
Legal Counsel Present: Matthew Menge  
Staff and Reviewers Present: Jodie Campbell and Dave Campbell

### **Executive Session:**

The first item on the agenda is Executive Session to address Mark Thelen's Offer to Settle. This item must be discussed in an executive session. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Codes 54-66-12(1) and 44-04-19.1 The topic of this executive session is attorney consultation.

At this time, a motion would be in order to move into executive session to discuss this next topic on the agenda. Nikki Mertz made a motion to go into executive session. Matt Schlenvogt seconded the motion. Chair Kost called for further discussion. No further discussion took place, Chair Kost called for the vote. Matt Schlenvogt, Joe Sheehan, Nikki Mertz, and Corey Kost all voted yes to the motion. Brock DesLauriers was absent from voting. Motion carried.

The executive session will be recorded, and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session.

The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorney.

We will now ask the members of the public who are in attendance to leave the meeting. We anticipate adjourning the executive session, and reconvening the open portion of the meeting, at approximately 10:00 am. The minutes will show that the executive session began at 9:51am and was attended by Chair Kost, Matt Schlenvogt, Nikki Mertz, Joe Sheehan, Board Staff Jodie Campbell and David Campbell and Legal Counsel Matt Menge.

Brock DesLauriers is in attendance.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 10:04 am. The public has been invited to return to the meeting, and we are now back in open session.

Chair Kost called for a motion relating to the Thelen Offer to Settle. Matt Schlenvogt moved to reject Mark Thelen's Offer to Settle. Joe Sheehan seconded the motion. Chair Kost called for further discussion. No further discussion took place. Chair Kost called for the vote. Nikki Mertz, Brock DesLauriers, Joe Sheehan, Matt Schlenvogt, and Chair Kost voted yes to the motion. The motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **Certified General Applicant for Approval:**

Ben Stremick is making application for certified general. Mr. Stremick meets the education and experience-hour requirements for certified general and has successfully completed the national certified general examination. Three reports were submitted for review. A Standard 3 Review was completed on two of three reports. David Campbell, Board Reviewer provided an overview of his review. Discussion took place. Based on the reviews and discussion with Mr. Stremick, the Board found Mr. Stremick's work product to meet the minimum standards set forth in USPAP.

Chair Kost moved to approve Ben Stremick for certified general. Nikki Mertz seconded the motion. Chair Kost called for further discussion. No further discussion took place. Chair Kost called for the vote. Joe Sheehan, Brock

DesLauriers, Matt Schlenvogt, Nikki Mertz, and Corey Kost all voted yes to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Finances:**

Discussion took place relative to management fee. Staff were asked to leave the room for Board discussion. Corey Kost reported the following motion. Brock DesLauriers moved to approve a management fee increase to \$100,000. Matt Schlenvogt seconded the motion, Chair Kost called for the vote. Brock DesLauriers, Matt Schlenvogt, Nikki Mertz, Joe Sheehan, and Corey Kost all voted yes to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Staff returned to the meeting.

Chair Kost called for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Jodie R. Campbell  
Executive Secretary