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# BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Real Estate Appraiser Board State of Oklahoma

In the Matter of GARETT PEARCE,	)	
	)	Complaint #21-045
Respondent.	)	

## **CONSENT ORDER**

COMES NOW the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board ("OREAB"), by and through the Prosecuting Attorney, Stephen McCaleb, and Garett Pearce ("Respondent"), by and through his attorney of record, Daniel J. Gamino, and enter into this Consent Order, pursuant to Oklahoma Statutes Title 59 §858-700, *et seq.*, and Oklahoma Administrative Code 600:10-1-1, *et seq.*. All sections of this Order are incorporated together.

### AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

- Order #18-005 in the Matter of Matthew A. Bales and Garett S. Pearce ("Pearce" or "Respondent"). Under the terms of this Order, Pearce was subject to a one-year period of probation, which commenced immediately following a thirty-day suspension. This probationary period was in effect from July 1, 2021, to July 1, 2022. The Board's Order, page 22, specifically states that Pearce "...shall provide an appraisal log on REA Form 3 to the administrative office of the Board no later than the fifth working day of each month detailing all of his appraisal activity during the preceding month."
- 2. Pearce's first work log was due on or before the close of business on August 6, 2021, (5<sup>th</sup> working day of the month) and should have contained all appraisal activity for the month of July 2021. Pearce's work log containing all appraisal activity for the month of August was due by close of business on September 7, 2021. Neither work log was filed with the administrative office of the Board by Pearce. Upon written notification to Pearce, Pearce was suspended under the terms of the Board's Order, which requires instanter suspension for non-compliance with any term of the Board's Order. On September 9, 2021, Pearce submitted his past due work logs. Pearce also filed a blank work log for his September 2021 hours, which would not be due until on or about October 5. Pearce was then returned to active status.
- 3. Contemporaneously, Board staff received an email communication from an appraisal management company requesting a copy of the Board's Order pertaining to Pearce's

recent suspension. As a result, a document subpoena was issued on September 10, 2021, to ServiceLink Valuation Solutions, LLC., Oklahoma Registration #60019AMC ("ServiceLink").

4. ServiceLink subsequently produced responsive documents on September 27, 2021. ServiceLink identifies 87 appraisal reports completed by Pearce in the state of Texas between July 1, 2021, and September 10, 2021. These appraisal reports fall under the Board's Order, insomuch that the Order requires identification of "all appraisal activity," and they were not disclosed by Pearce, as required under the Board's Order.

## **AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. That Respondent has violated 59 O.S. §858-723(C)(5): "An act or omission involving dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation with the intent to substantially benefit the certificate holder or another person or with the intent to substantially injure another person."
- 2. That Respondent has violated 59 O.S. §858-723(C)(9): "Willfully disregarding or violating any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Certified Real Estate Appraisers Act."
- 3. That Respondent has violated 59 O.S. §858-723(C)(13): "Violating any of the provisions in the code of ethics set forth in this act."

## **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

The Respondent, by affixing his signature hereto, acknowledges:

- 1. That Respondent has been advised to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document.
  - 2. That Respondent possesses the following rights among others:
    - A. The right to a formal factfinding hearing before a disciplinary panel of the Board;
    - B. The right to a reasonable notice of said hearing;
    - C. The right to be represented by counsel:
    - D. The right to compel the testimony of witnesses;
    - E. The right to cross-examine witnesses against him; and
    - F. The right to obtain judicial review of the final decision of the Board.
- 3. The Respondent stipulates to the facts as set forth above and specifically waives both his right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the Board and his right to appeal this matter to the District Court.
- 4. The Respondent consents to the entry of this Order affecting his professional practice of real estate appraising in the State of Oklahoma.

- 5. The Respondent agrees and consents that this Consent Order is the settlement of a disputed claim and shall not be used by him for purposes of defending any other action initiated by the Board, regardless of the date of the appraisal.
- 6. All other original allegations in this matter are dismissed. Respondent makes no admissions of any intentional wrongdoing or unprofessional conduct.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges this will be placed on the Board's agenda for its next monthly meeting, after receipt of the executed Order from Respondent, and notice for the Order's placement on that Agenda is accepted.<sup>1</sup>
- 8. All parties to this Consent Order have been represented by counsel. Respondent's Oklahoma license is in good standing.
- 9. This Consent Order may be executed in one or more counterparts, but all such counterparts, taken together, shall constitute only one Consent Order. When delivered to the other party, facsimile and visual digital reproductions of original signatures shall be as effective as if they were the originals.
- 10. This Consent Order shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to the conflict of law principles.
- 11. This Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and all provisions of this Consent Order are contractual and not a mere recital. The Parties acknowledge that no presentation or promise not expressly set forth in this Consent Order has been made by any of the Parties hereto or any of their agents, employees, representatives, or attorneys. No modification of, or amendment to, this Consent Order shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by the Parties. In the event any portion of this Consent Order shall be declared illegal or unenforceable as a matter of law, the remainder of the Consent Order shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12. This Consent Order is intended by the Parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understanding, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Consent Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed, except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the Parties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Currently, the next Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

- 13. The undersigned Respondent agrees that presentation of this Consent Order to the OREAB without the undersigned Respondent being present shall not constitute an improper *ex parte* communication between the OREAB and its counsel.
- 14. The Parties represent and warrant to one another that each Party has authority to enter into this binding Consent Order. The OREAB represents and warrants that the undersigned have full authority to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the OREAB and bind the OREAB to the terms set forth herein.
- 15. The Parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Consent Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 16. The Parties acknowledge that they understand the provisions of this Consent Order.

# CONSENT ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY THE BOARD

The Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board will not submit this Consent Order for the Board's consideration until its agreement and execution by the Respondent. It is hereby agreed between the Parties that this Consent Order shall be presented to the Board, with recommendation for approval of the Board, at the next scheduled meeting of the Board. The Respondent understands that the Board is free to accept or reject this Consent Order and, if rejected by the Board, it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Respondent in the rejected Consent Order will not be regarded as evidence against him at the subsequent disciplinary hearing. Respondent will be free to defend himself and no inferences will be made from his willingness to have entered into this agreement. It is agreed that neither the presentation of the Consent Order nor the Board's consideration of the Consent Order will be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, will not be grounds for precluding the Board or any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth in the Consent Order.

## **ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, on the basis of the foregoing Agreed Findings of Fact and Agreed Conclusions of Law, it is ordered that:

- 1. Respondent shall take the following corrective education:
  - A. 905 Online Business Practices and Ethics

6 Hours

- 2. Respondent agrees that he will successfully complete, pass the test, and provide proof of completion and passing of the test to the Board's office for the course completed, within thirty (30) days from the date the Board approves this Order. Failure to complete and pass the course in a timely manner will result in suspension until the course is passed and completed with proof of completion and passing of the test to the Board's office.
- 3. Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500), to be paid within thirty (30) days of notification of Respondent of the Board's Order imposing the administrative fine, pursuant to 59 O.S. §858-723.
- Failure to comply with the preceding paragraphs in a timely manner will result in an instanter suspension of Respondent's license. For good cause, an extension may be granted by the Board. An application for an extension of time should be filed at least five (5) business days in advance of the Board meeting to be placed on a Board meeting agenda in advance of the deadline to comply with this Consent Order.

### **DISCLOSURE**

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Open records Act, 51 O.S. §24-A.1 through §24-A.21, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Board as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

RESPONDENT:

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DANIEL J. GAMINO, OBA አ**វ**O. 3227

Garett Pearce

Counsel for Respondent

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## **CERTIFICATE OF BOARD'S PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

I believe this Consent Order to be in the best interests of the Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board, the State of Oklahoma, and the Respondent, with regard to the violations alleged in the formal Complaint.

STEPHEN L. MCCALEB, OBA NO. 15649

**Board Prosecutor** 400 NE 50th St.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

DATE

IT IS SO ORDERED on this Z nd day of Decamber

JENELLE LEPOINT, Board Secretary Oklahoma Real Estate Appraiser Board

OKLAHOMA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD:

By:

BRYAN NEAL, OBA NO. 6590

Assistant Attorney General Attorney for the Board

313 NE 21st St

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Kelly Ann Reynolds, hereby certify that on the 5th day of December 2022, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent Order was sent via first-class U.S. Mail, certified and return-receipt requested, with proper postage prepaid thereon, to the following:

Daniel J. Gamino

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Jamestown Office Park 3035 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> St, Ste 214 Oklahoma City, OK 73116

and by first-class U.S. Mail to:

Bryan Neal, Assistant Attorney General Office of the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma 313 NE 21<sup>st</sup> St Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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