

**MINUTES
REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE
AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026**

Members Present:

Cyndi Gianneschi

Wayne Johnson

Mark Ratterman, Chair

Ron Kohart

Dennis “Matthew” Kruse II

Members Absent:

State Officials Present:

Amy Hall, Board Director

Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director

James Harry, Board Counsel

Erin Sutton, PLA Litigation

Court Reporter:

None

CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mark Ratterman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and declared a quorum, in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-34.1-8-4.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Ron Kohart and seconded by Cyndi Gianneschi to approve the amended agenda.

Kohart/Gianneschi

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis 'Matthew' Kruse	✓	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Alex James appeared before the Board to share the report from the Office of the Attorney General.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2025, MEETING OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Ron Kohart and seconded by Gianneschi to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025, meeting. The minutes are approved.

Kohart/Gianneschi

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis 'Matthew'	✓	

Kruse		
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

NONE

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Stephen Clifford – Cause No: 202510-REA-0002

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Cyndi Gianneschi to approve the proposed settlement as presented.

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis ‘Matthew’ Kruse	✓	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

DISCUSSION

Proposed Late Fee Rule Change

A motion was made by Dennis ‘Matthew’ Kruse and seconded by Cyndi Gianneschi to approve the proposed rule change as submitted.

Kohart/Johnson

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis ‘Matthew’ Kruse	✓	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

AARO Conference

San Diego in April 27 through April 29, 2026. AARO conferences keep Board members up to date and current with the trends and requirements.

Discussion

How to convey and locate rules appropriately to applicants who need assistance. It was suggested to have the correct links associated with the top 10/20 questions accessible.

Board Member Elections

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Matthew Kruse to nominate Cyndi Gianneschi as chair.

Ratterman/Kruse

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis 'Matthew' Kruse	✓	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Cyndi Gianneschi to nominate Ron Kohart as vice chair.

Ratterman/Gianneschi

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis 'Matthew' Kruse	✓	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	

V. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 10:12

