

**MINUTES
REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE
AND CERTIFICATION BOARD
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026**

Members Present:

Cyndi Gianneschi, Chair

Wayne Johnson

Mark Ratterman

Ron Kohart

Dennis “Matthew” Kruse II – virtual – joined at 10:02

Members Absent:

State Officials Present:

Amy Hall, Board Director

Chris Shea-Russell, Assistant Board Director

James Harry, Board Counsel

Brad Repass, PLA Litigation

Margie Addington, Court Reporter

ROLL CALL VOTES

CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Cyndi Gianneschi called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and declared a quorum, in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-34.1-8-4.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Ron Kohart to adopt and approve the agenda.

Ratterman/Kohart

Motion Passes 4/0

The following members voted.

	Aye	Nay
Mark Ratterman	✓	
Dennis ‘Matthew’ Kruse	Not here	
Wayne Johnson	✓	
Ron Kohart	✓	
Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2026, MEETING OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2026, meeting. The minutes are approved.

Kohart/Ratterman/Johnson

Motion Passes 4/0

The following members voted.

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

Cyndi Gianneschi	✓	
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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.

MATT KRUSE is VIRTUAL

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Benjamin Hopkins – 202405-REA-0001 – Petition to Withdraw Probation

Benjamin Hopkins appeared before the Board on his Petition to Withdraw from Probation Petition.

The motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the Petition to Withdraw Probation.

Ratterman/Johnson

Motion Passes 4/0

The following members voted.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Steven Romer – Renewal – Positive Response

Steven Romer appeared virtually before the Board to discuss his positive response on his renewal application.

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded Wayne Johnson to approve his license renewal.

Ratterman/Johnson

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

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

Nicholas Smith – Renewal – Positive Response

Nicholas Smith appeared before the Board about his renewal positive response. He was placed in a diversion program in December and will be on probation for 18 months due to excessive texting/email which is considered stalking.

A motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the renewal.

Ratterman/Kruse

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

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

Appraisal Foundation State Harmonization Task Force – Dr. Randy Flowers & Peter Fontana

Dr. Randy Flowers & Peter Fontana appeared before the Board virtually to catch up and share information from the Appraisal Foundation. There were suggestions to bring back the LR license, which would also apply to the new criteria. Qualifications and standards have been reviewed and were discussed in an Executive Order signed by the President. The Second Exposure Draft was discussed along with reciprocity.

DISCUSSION

A. 2nd Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria*” that was published by the Appraiser Qualifications Board

See above....

B. Matthew Magdziarz – CE Request

Right of Way class of 32 hours.

The motion was made by Mark Ratterman and seconded by Wayne Johnson approved the Continuing Education course for 32 hours.

Kruse/Ratterman

Motion Passes 5/0

The following members voted.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 11:23