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

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Department of Commerce
Division of Banking

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No. 20-15 & 20-19

ANDREW HOYT, CR02398

AMENDMENT TO COMBINED

**STATEMENT** 

OF CHARGES AND

RESPONDENT

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### A. Statement of Charges

The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board ("Board") and Andrew Hoyt ("Respondent") enter into this Amendment to the January 27, 2021 Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement ("Consent Order") in Case Nos. 20-15 and 20-19, as follows:

- 1. The Board and Respondent entered into a Consent Order effective January 27, 2021. The Consent Order required Respondent to: complete certain corrective education courses; and, sixty (60) days following the completion of such courses, submit two (2) appraisals for Standard Three desk review by a certified appraiser retained by the Board.
- 2. Section A.1.a of the Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement required the respondent to take a fifteen (15) hour tested Advanced Residential Report Writing: Part 2 course.
- 3. It was determined that Respondent is unable to register for the fifteen (15) hour tested Advanced Residential Report Writing: Part 2 course as he has not taken the required prerequisite.
- 4. Respondent acknowledges he has the right to hearing and he waives that right and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Amendment to Consent Order. Respondent acknowledges he had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel prior to signing this Amendment to Consent Order.

In light of the above, the Consent Order is amended by replacing all text below "IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED" beginning on page three with the following:

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

### A. Education

- 1. Respondent shall successfully complete within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Settlement Agreement:
  - a. A fifteen (15) hour tested Residential Report Writing and Case Studies

course;

- b. A seven (7) hour tested How to Support and Prove Your Adjustments course;
- c, A four (4) hour Scope of Work: Appraisals and Inspections corrective education course:
- d. A four (4) hour Missing Explanations corrective action course; and
- e. A four (4) hour Ethics, Competency, and Negligence corrective action course.

Respondent shall bear any and all costs associated with these courses and may apply course A1a and A1b above towards his continuing education requirements for any subsequent renewal.

2. Respondent shall forward to the Board a certificate of completion or other similar documentation or confirmation demonstrating completion within ten (10) days of completion of each course required by paragraph 1.

### B. Logs and Desk Review

- 1. Until Respondent has complied with all terms of Sections A and B of this Settlement Agreement, Respondent shall send the Board appraisal logs on the tenth (10th) day of each month for the prior month's appraisals.
- 2. Approximately sixty (60) days after Respondent has completed all education in accordance with Section A (Education), above, the Board shall select two (2) appraisals from Respondent's log for review that were completed after the required education was completed. Section A (Education), above, provides the deadline within which the required education must be completed. Respondent is free, however, to escalate the time frame for completion of this Settlement Agreement by completing the education earlier than the deadline.
- 3. The Board will retain a certified appraiser to complete Standard Three/Four reviews on the appraisals selected for review. Respondent shall provide the Board, within ten (10) days of request, one (1) paper copy of the appraisals and associated work files, and the sum of \$850 to be paid by the Board to the retained review appraiser.
- 4. The reviewing appraiser(s) shall complete a comprehensive Standard Three/Four review for each appraisal. The review shall be for facial compliance with USPAP. The reviewer(s) will not perform inspections or warrant the accuracy of Respondent's work product, but will review work papers, calculations, and any other documents as may be reasonably necessary. Along with appraisal reports and work files, Respondent shall provide the reviewing appraiser(s) copies of all documents verifying the accuracy of factual representations in each appraisal. The reviewer(s) may request additional information, if needed, such as documentation of paired sales analysis, documentation of support for site values, and the like. The costs associated with desk review are the responsibility of Respondent, but are capped at the amounts noted in paragraph 3.
- 5. The reviewer(s) shall prepare written comments on each appraisal's compliance with USPAP, and shall provide copies of the written comments to the Board. The Board shall provide the reviews to Respondent.

- 6. Following the Board's receipt of the two (2) review appraisals, the Board shall either:
  - a) Enter an order indicating Respondent's full compliance with Section B of this Settlement Agreement; or
  - b) If the desk review comments and appraisals reveal significant USPAP violations, the Board shall defer final ruling and may 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.
- 7. Respondent shall not supervise an associate residential appraiser or otherwise co-sign another residential appraiser's work as a supervisor until Respondent has complied with all terms of Sections A through B of this Settlement Agreement.
- 8. This Settlement Agreement shall not preclude the Board from filing additional charges if one (1) or more of the appraisals submitted for any desk review process contemplated hereunder demonstrate probable cause to take such an action. 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(s).

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AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Respondent

Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board

Andrew Hoyt

3-72-2021

Date

Dan Fuhrmeister, Chair

Date

Division of Banking 12-2-2020 BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER EXAMINING BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA Board / Commission 15 March Case No. 20-15 & 20-19 Signature, Executive Officer IN THE MATTER OF: Department of Commerce COMBINED STATEMENTIVISION of Banking ANDREW HOYT, OF CHARGES AND 121202 CR02398 SETTLEMENT AGREEMEN Board / Commission RESPONDENT

A. Statement of Charges

Signature, Executive Officer

1. The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543D (2020).

2. Respondent is a certified residential real estate appraiser in Iowa. He was issued Certificate No. CR02398 on January 28, 2003.

 Certificate No. CR02398 is currently valid and scheduled to expire on June 30, 2022.

4. In May and June of 2020, the Board obtained information raising questions about Respondent's compliance with USPAP in the development and reporting of two (2) appraisal assignments (hereinafter "Initial Reports").

5. The Board requested copies from Respondent of the Initial Reports.

6. The Board submitted the Initial Reports for Standard Three/Four USPAP review by a peer reviewer.

7. Both appraisal reviews revealed significant issues related to report writing, understanding, and application of proper methodology, adherence to USPAP standards of practice, and Respondent's competency.

8. Following an informal hearing in this matter in which Respondent participated with the Board's Discipline Committee, on November 17, 2020, the Board voted to find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating appraisal standards.

The Board charges Respondent with the following:

- a) Failure to adhere to USPAP in the development and communication of multiple appraisals in violation of Iowa Code sections 543D.17(1)(d) and 543D.18(1) and Iowa Administrative Code rules 193F—7.2, 193F—7.3(2)(d) and 193F—7.3(7)(a).
- b) Failure to exercise reasonable diligence in the development and communication of multiple appraisals in violation of Iowa Code section 543D.17(1)(e) and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193F—7.3(6)(a).
- c) Demonstrating negligence or incompetence in the development, preparation, and communication of multiple appraisals in violation of Iowa Code sections 272C.10(2) and 543D.17(1)(f) and Iowa Administrative Code rules

- 193F—7.3(2)(a)–(d) and (6)(a).
- d) Engaging in unethical, harmful, or detrimental conduct in violation of the public trust and USPAP's ETHICS RULE in violation of Iowa Code sections 272C.10(3), 543D.17(1)(b) and (d), and 543D.18(1) and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193F—7.3(4)(c).
- 10. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Settlement Agreement, rather than proceed to a contested case hearing.
- 11. In signing this Settlement Agreement, Respondent admits the underlying facts and conduct alleged by the Board in this case, and admits to a violation of the underlying statutory provisions and rules charged by the Board in this Statement of Charges.

### B. Settlement Agreement

- 1. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges. However, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Settlement Agreement, Respondent waives Respondent's right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal to the superintendent and seek judicial review.
- 2. This Settlement Agreement constitutes discipline against Respondent pursuant to and in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 193F—20.42, and, subject to Iowa Administrative Code rule 193F—17.2(4), is the final agency action in a contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 193F—20.42.
- 3. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent had the opportunity to consult with counsel before agreeing to this Settlement Agreement.
- 4. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Settlement Agreement to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.
- 5. This Settlement Agreement 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 penalty or sanctions to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws, rules, or standards administered by the Board.
- 6. This Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22, and will be posted to the Board's public-facing online disciplinary index and reported to and posted on the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) National Registry.
- 7. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a).
  - 8. This Settlement Agreement is subject to approval of the Board:
    - a) If the Board fails to approve this Settlement Agreement, 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 Settlement Agreement, it shall take effect upon the

date of last signature, below, and govern the issues of or related to this matter.

9. This Settlement Agreement shall not preclude the Board from taking additional action against Respondent should Respondent violate the laws, rules, or standards or practice administered by the Board in the future.

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- 7. Respondent shall not supervise an associate residential appraiser or otherwise co-sign another residential appraiser's work as a supervisor until Respondent has complied with all terms of Sections C through E of this Settlement Agreement and had the Income Practice Restriction imposed by Section B removed by further order of the Board.
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Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board

Andrew Hovt

Dan Fuhrmeister, Chair

12-29-2020

Date