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Administrator.

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION NOTICE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 83 FR 8870.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** This meeting also discussed:

Matters relating to internal personnel decisions, or internal rules and practices.

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**CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

**Laura E. Sinram,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS18-03]

### Appraisal Subcommittee; Notice of Received Request for a Temporary Waiver

**AGENCY:** Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, FFIEC.

**ACTION:** Notice of received request for a temporary waiver; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has received a request for a temporary waiver of appraiser certification or licensing requirements pursuant to the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder. The ASC is requesting comment (including written data, views and arguments) on the received request.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters are encouraged to submit comments (including written data, views and arguments) by the Federal eRulemaking Portal or email, if possible. You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number AS18-03, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Click on the "Help" tab on the *Regulations.gov* home page to get information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for submitting public comments.

- **E-Mail:** [webmaster@asc.gov](mailto:webmaster@asc.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** (202) 289-4101. Include docket number on fax cover sheet.

- **Mail:** Address to Appraisal Subcommittee, Attn: Lori Schuster, Management and Program Analyst, 1401 H Street NW, Suite 760, Washington, DC 20005.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** 1401 H Street NW, Suite 760, Washington, DC 20005.

In general, the ASC will enter all comments received into the docket and publish those comments on the Federal eRulemaking ([regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)) website without change, including any business or personal information that you provide, such as name and address information, email addresses, or phone numbers. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not enclose any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. At the close of the comment period, all public comments will also be made available on the ASC's website at <https://www.asc.gov> (follow link in "What's New") as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons.

You may review comments by any of the following methods:

- **Viewing Comments Electronically:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Enter "Docket ID AS18-03" in the Search box and click "Search." Click on the "Help" tab on the *Regulations.gov* home page to get information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for viewing public comments, viewing other supporting and related materials, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period.

- **Viewing Comments Personally:** You may personally inspect comments at the ASC office, 1401 H Street NW, Suite 760, Washington, DC 20005. To make an appointment, please call Lori Schuster at (202) 595-7578.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James R. Park, Executive Director, at (202) 595-7575, or Alice M. Ritter, General Counsel, at (202) 595-7577, Appraisal Subcommittee, 1401 H Street NW, Suite 760, Washington, DC 20005.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended (Title XI), established the ASC.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of Title XI is "to provide that Federal financial and public policy interests in real estate related transactions will be protected by requiring that real estate appraisals utilized in connection with federally related transactions are performed in writing, in accordance with uniform standards, by individuals whose competency has been demonstrated and whose professional conduct will be subject to effective supervision."<sup>2</sup> Title XI requires the use of State licensed or certified appraisers in federally related transactions.<sup>3</sup> Section 1119(b) of Title XI, 12 U.S.C. 3348(b), authorizes the ASC to waive, on a temporary basis and with approval of the FFIEC, any certification or licensing requirement relative to certifying or licensing individuals to perform appraisals under Title XI in a State or geographic political subdivisions of a State upon a written determination that there is a scarcity of certified or licensed appraisers to perform appraisals in connection with federally related transactions leading to significant delays in the performance of such appraisals. The ASC has issued procedures<sup>4</sup> governing the processing of temporary waiver requests. After receiving a waiver request, the ASC is required to issue a public notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comment on the request for a proposed temporary waiver. Within 15 days of the close of the 30-day comment period, the ASC, by order, will grant or deny a waiver, in whole or in part, and upon specified terms or conditions, including provisions for waiver termination. If the ASC approves any or all of the request, it is subject to approval by the FFIEC. The ASC's order granting or denying the

<sup>1</sup> The ASC Board is comprised of seven members. Five members are designated by the heads of the FFIEC agencies (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System [Board], Consumer Financial Protection Bureau [CFPB], Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation [FDIC], Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [OCC], and National Credit Union Administration [NCUA]). The other two members are designated by the heads of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

<sup>2</sup> Title XI § 1101, 12 U.S.C. 3331.

<sup>3</sup> "Federally related transaction" refers to any real estate related financial transaction which: a) a federal financial institutions regulatory agency engages in, contracts for, or regulates; and b) requires the services of an appraiser. (Title XI § 1121 (4), 12 U.S.C. 3350.)

<sup>4</sup> 12 CFR part 1102, subpart A.