



Alabama State Board of Auctioneers

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MINUTES Board Meeting September 25, 2012

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, for the purpose of conducting Board business. Those in attendance were as follows: Mr. Ken Garner (Chair), Mr. Bryant Wood, (Vice Chair), Mr. Bryan Knox (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Johnny Vetra, Member, Michael Langford, Member, and Mr. David Starnes, Member. Board members not in attendance were Mr. Buddy Ray and Mr. Mark Lane. The Board, consisting of a quorum, continued with a voting meeting. Also present were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Dana Billingsley (Board Counsel), Hope Paulen, (Board Executive Assistant), Mr. Carl Mike James (Board Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren).

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Ken Garner, Chair.

The rescheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.auctioneer.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.al.us, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Mr. Garner welcomed members present at the meeting and Mr. Warren gave the opening statement concerning Roberts Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were submitted to the Board, prior to the meeting, for their review. Mr. Vetra made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren read aloud an email from an apprentice, who was having difficulty locating a sponsor. Since sponsorship is encouraged, but voluntary, the Board agreed to provide the apprentice a list of licensed auctioneers in his and surrounding counties that he may contact, along with a letter from the Board indicating concern and unaware of any reason why his disability, as described in his email, would pose a hindrance to discharging the duties as an apprentice.

Mr. Warren report that his vendor service registration had expired and he presented to the Board a interim quote for administrative services for their approval. He indicated that Warren and Company was the only vendor that submitted a response to the Board's request for bid, but that this bid was rejected since its vendor status had expired. This interim bid would be for 12 months and the administrative service contract would have to be rebid within those 12 months. Warren and Company staff departed from the meeting to allow the Board an opportunity to discuss this matter. Upon the staff's return, Mr. Knox made a motion to accept the interim quote for administrative services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langford and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board a request, from a licensee, to be exempt from the requirement for a company license. The licensee indicated that the company was owned equally by two individuals and were concerned that company operations would be restricted in naming one principal auctioneer. Ms. Billingsley stated that these concerns were unfounded and it was the unanimous consensus of the Board to deny the request, based on statute and Rules requiring a company license.

Ms. Paulene presented the Executive Assistant's report, to include a detailed list of deposits and vouchers, along with current number of licensees and exam activities.

Mr. Vetra commented that Jacksonville State was considering discontinuing its auctioneer school due to low enrollment.

Ms. Billingsley reported that consent agreements had been mailed to two individuals with a 10-day deadline to respond. She explained that due to financial considerations, consent agreements were sent in lieu of administrative hearings. Mr. James commented on the type of complaints being received overall and investigated.

Mr. Warren updated the Board on the status of addressing changes in the statute and meeting with key legislators. Ms. Billingsley distributed copies of communications on this matter. The Board discussed issues of protecting the public regarding live participation in auctions on the Internet.

Mr. Warren reported that the Governor's office has not responded to the new board member appointment request.

There being no further business. Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langford and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Garner
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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