

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEERS

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MINUTES Board Meeting October 6, 2011

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at the Board offices in Montgomery 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, and Mr. David Starnes, Member. Board members not in attendance were Mr. Michael Langford, 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); Mr. Carl Mike James (Board Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren).

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

The 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.

A copy of the July 7, 2011 meeting minutes were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Wood made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept the July 7, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report to include the Executive Assistant's Report. A detailed list of deposits and vouchers was provided to the Board for their review. Mr. Warren stated that some legal fees were still outstanding. Mr. Warren reported on the number of licensees and company fees. The Board asked the Executive Director to compare exam fees charged by other states and report findings to the Board.

Ms. Billingsley indicated, in the Legal Counsel's Report, that she had received calls from licensees and company owners regarding company license, escrow accounts, contracts with licensed auctioneers and licenses auctioneers functioning as principal agents.

Mr. Warren reported that the Administrative Services Contract was due for renewal. Mr. Vetra made the motion to renew the Administrative Services Contract with Warren & Company, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren indicated that Mr. Ray's Board term expired October 30, 2011 and he was not eligible for reappointment. The Board suggested potential candidates from District I for Mr. Warren to contact to serve on the Board.

Ms. Billingsley left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. due to a conflict in her schedule.

Mr. Warren reported that the legal services contract with Ms. Billingsley had expired. The Board discussed modifying the contract due to its financial situation. Mr. Knox made the motion to approve the legal services contract with Ms. Billingsley effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, at the rate of \$125 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000 annually, and to consider amending the contract at a later time if needed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Starnes and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board members expressed their appreciation for the work and dedication given to the Board by Ms. Billingsley.

Mr. Warren presented the proposed 2012 meeting dates for the Board's consideration. Following some modifications to proposed dates, Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the dates as modified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously approved by the Board. Board meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the 2012 meeting schedule will be posted on the Board's website and the Secretary of State's website, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board members had positive comments about the Sunset Committee's review in August of the Board activities. The Board also discussed the upcoming Legislative Session and sponsorship of the proposed legislation.

There being no further business, Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Garner
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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