

Alabama State Board of Auctioneers

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MINUTES Board Meeting April 13, 2021

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Board office in Montgomery. During the COVID 19 State of Emergency, the meeting was held via a video-conference call. Members in attendance on the call were Mr. Pete Horton (Board Chair), Mr. Mike Fisher (Vice Chair), Mr. Chad Curvin (member), Mr. John Gray (member), Mr. Keith McDaniel (member), Mr. Chip Pearce (member) and Ms. Angela Morgan (new member). Participants onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Childers (Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and Mr. Warren called Board roll. Mr. Warren indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, <u>www.auctioneer.alabama.gov</u>, and the Secretary of State's website, <u>www.sos.alabama.gov</u>, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. A word of prayer was given at the opening of the meeting and Mr. Warren gave the opening statement concerning Roberts Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Chairman Horton welcomed participants on the conference call and introduced new member, Ms. Angela Morgan.

Mr. Warren administered the oath of office to new Board member, Ms. Angela Morgan.

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> Chairman Horton indicated that a copy of the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Curvin made a motion to dispense with the reading of the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and, following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that through this motion, a roll call vote was established.

Mr. Curvin made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Executive Director Report:</u> Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The report included the financial activities of the Board for the period ending March 31, 2021, along with a line-item summary of expenses. He reported on the

number of licensees and the number of complaints received during FY 2021. Mr. Warren reported that he was working with a legal firm in Birmingham to collect past disciplinary fines.

<u>Audit Exit Conference:</u> Mr. Warren reported that the Exit Conference meeting to discuss the recent audit revealed no new or unresolved findings.

<u>Administrator's Report:</u> Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report, which included a summary of examination statistics and licensing activities accomplished since the last Board meeting held in January.

<u>Legislative Update:</u> Mr. Warren presented a legislative update on the progress made in the Board's proposed Senate and House Bills. He indicated that although progress was made in both Bills, they were not expected to pass this legislative session. The Board was in support of proposing the Bills during the 2022 legislative session.

In the conclusion of the Executive Director's Report, Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Warren reported that there was no Legal Counsel report at this time.

<u>Proclamation:</u> The Board members expressed their sadness and condolences to the family of Mr. Erskine Valrie, a long-time board member and friend, who had passed away. Mr. Warren offered to submit a request to Governor Ivey to obtain a proclamation to present to Mr. Valrie's widow and family. Mr. Curvin made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to request a proclamation from Governor Ivey concerning Mr. Valrie. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Board Vacancy:</u> The Board discussed recommending an individual to serve in the consumer position that Mr. Valrie had held on the Board. Chairman Horton tabled the discussion until the next meeting to allow candidates to submit resume and letter of interest in serving in on the Board (state at-large) position.

<u>Election of Board Officers:</u> Mr. Warren reported that election of officers was due following the appointment of new member, Ms. Morgan, serving from Congressional District 7. Mr. McDaniel made the motion to postpone elections until the next consumer position was filled. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Continuing Education</u>: Mr. Fisher made the motion that the Board sponsor the continuing education program to be offered in conjunction with the Association's Annual meeting at the same sponsor-rate of \$7500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton stated the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> Chairman Horton reminded the members about the next Board meeting to be held April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The Board discussed the potential conflicting meeting date with the Association Annual meeting and it was the consensus of the Board to reschedule the Board meeting to July 20, 2021 at 9:00

a.m. Mr. Warren reported that the meeting date would be after the State of Emergency had been lifted and the next Board meeting in July would be held in-person at the Board's office.

<u>Adjournment:</u> There was no further business by the Board and Mr. Pearce made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Horton called for any objections to the motion, using the previous roll, and there were no objections to the motion. Chairman Horton adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Horton Board Chair

Keith E. Warren *Executive Director*

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