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MINUTES

Board Meeting

September 1, 2020 - AMENDED

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 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. Erskine Valrie (Secretary), Mr. Keith McDaniel (member), Mr. Chip Pearce (member), Mr. John Gray (member) and Mr. Michael Langford (member). Member not in attendance was Mr. Chad Curvin. Also in attendance on the call was Mr. Bill Garrett (Assistant Attorney General) and participating onsite were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Childers (Administrator), Mr. Dennis Trammell (Investigator) 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. Garrett indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.auctioneer.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, 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 members and other participants.

Chairman Horton presented a copy of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. McDaniel made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce 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). The report included the financial activities of the Board for the period ending August 31, 2020, along with a line item summary of expenses. He reported on the number of licensees, as well as the number of complaints received and investigated for FY 2020, and outstanding disciplinary fines.

Ms. Childers presented the Administrator's Report, which included a summary of examination statistics and licensing activities accomplished since the last Board meeting held in April. She reported 16 new in-state new licensees during this time period, along with 2 new reciprocal licensees. Chairman Horton

commented on the Florida's licensing process and pending applications due to the Florida licensing board not conducting Board meetings during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Mr. Pearce made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren indicated that Consent Agreement in the matter of complaint #2020-003 was returned unclaimed and would be hand-delivered to the Respondent. He also reported that in the case of complaint #2019-001, the Respondent had surrendered their license in accordance with the Board's Final Order, but their fine of \$5,000 remained outstanding. Mr. Garrett commented on the option of using an outside collection agency in these matters.

Mr. Warren presented the Final Rule ~~180-X-1-15~~ 150-X-1.15 Application for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel for the Board's approval. He reported that no comments had been received on the proposed rule. Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve Rule ~~180-X-1-15~~ 150-X-1.15 as a Final Rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valrie and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed expiration of Board terms for three members. Mr. Warren reported that two members had indicated that they were interested in reappointment and the Board discussed potential candidates in district 7, with focus on diversity in Board composition. Mr. Pearce made the motion contact Ms. Morgan, and alternate Mr. Givhan, about their interest in serving on the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Langford and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Horton presented for the Board's approval the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract with Warren & Company, Inc. Mr. Warren reported that the contract was scheduled to expire in September. Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the Administrative Services Contract, with no changes for one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valrie and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Fisher reported on the upcoming annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Auctioneers. Mr. Warren explained that the previously scheduled annual meeting had been postponed due to the pandemic and the Board had already approved sponsorship of the Association for their annual meeting. Mr. Fisher explained that the CE program was open to non-members and the business meeting and other activities were for the membership.

The Board discussed reciprocity with other states and the intent of these agreement when processing applications. Chairman Horton indicated that he had already commented earlier in the meeting about Florida not having Board meetings during the pandemic, which had prevented reciprocal applications being approved by the Florida licensure board. The Board asked Mr. Warren to contact Florida about reciprocal procedures and to inquire with the National Association about reciprocity activities in others states.

The Board also discussed the trend in removing apprenticeship licensing requirements and whether the Board should address this matter at a future meeting.

Chairman Horton reminded the members about the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The Board discussed the possibilities of having the Board meet virtually and coordinating arrangements for the members to participate since the Board meeting was on the day following the Association's annual meeting.

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. Fisher and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Horton adjourned the meeting at 10:21a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Horton
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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