



Alabama State Board of Auctioneers

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MINUTES Board Meeting July 19, 2022

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery. Members in attendance were Mr. Pete Horton (Board Chair), Mr. Mike Fisher (Vice Chair), Mr. John Gray (Board Secretary), Mr. Chad Curvin (member), Ms. Angella Morgan (member) and Mr. Chip Pearce (member). Members absent were Mr. Keith McDaniel (member), and Mr. Randall Grissett (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Peggy Rossmannith (Board's Legal Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 9:02 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, 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 pledge of allegiance recited. Mr. Warren gave the opening statement concerning Roberts Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Chairman Horton welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Horton called for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the July 19, 2022, meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Horton indicated that a copy of the minutes from April 12, 2022, Board meeting was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Pearce made a motion to dispense with the reading of the April meeting minutes and approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The report included the financial activities of the Board for the period ending June 30, 2022. He reported on the current number of licensees and reminded the members about the new rule that allowed licensees to place their license on inactive status. Mr. Warren also reported on the number of complaints received during FY 2022.

Mr. Gray made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proclamation for Erskine Valrie: Mr. Warren reported on the coordination efforts, with the assistance of Mr. Ken Garner, to contact the family of Mr. Erskin Valrie to arrange a date to present a Proclamation in his honor.

Board Newsletter: Mr. Warren requested the members' assistance in submitting articles for the Board's newsletter, e.g., regulatory issues, auction experiences, association-related announcements, etc. He recommended articles be submitted to him by July 31, 2022.

Administrator's Report and Licensure Summary: Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report, which included licensing activities completed since the last Board meeting held in April, along with a summary of licensure and examination statistics from this same period. Mr. Warren also reported on updates to the Board's website.

Legal Counsel Report: Ms. Rossmanith reported that there was no new business to report. Mr. Warren requested Ms. Rossmanith prepare information to be presented to the Board on the new ruling concerning agent immunity.

Update on Association Activities: Mr. Fisher reported on plans for the upcoming annual meeting of the Association scheduled August 28-29, 2022.

Online Auction Platforms (re HB428): The Board discussed establishing a separate email address for individuals to submit inquiries about the changes in the Board's statute and licensure requirements. Mr. Warren indicated that the number of inquiries would be monitored for compliance issues. The Board agreed that a newsletter article on this subject would be beneficial.

Mr. Fisher reported Ohio's new regulation regarding licensure of online auctions and the Board discussed the additional changes by the Ohio licensure board to waive the apprentice auctioneer license and offer the auctioneer examination on a monthly basis.

Annual Renewal of the Administrative Services Contract: The Board discussed the annual renewal of the Administrative Services contract. Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the Administrative Services contract with Warren and Company, Inc. for one year, with no changes in the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher and unanimously approved by the Board.

Licensure Examination Review: Mr. Warren recommended that that a committee of the Board meet, or special meeting of the Board be held, to review and update the auctioneer examination questions since some of the licensure criteria had changed. The Board discussed having a separate meeting, from the regular Board meeting, to discuss this matter.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Horton reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled October 11, 2022, at the Board's office.

Adjournment: 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 adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Horton
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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