



## Alabama State Board of Auctioneers

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### MINUTES Board Meeting March 14, 2023

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery. Members in attendance were Mr. John Gray (Board Secretary), Mr. Chad Curvin (member), Ms. Angella Morgan (member), Mr. Keith McDaniel (member), Mr. Chip Pearce (member) and Mr. Randall Grissett (member). Member absent was Mr. Pete Horton (Board Chair) and Mr. Mike Fisher (Vice Chair), Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Andy Crowder (Assistant Attorney General), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant), Ms. Lora Evans (Executive Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Mr. Gray (Board Secretary presiding over the meeting) called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business. He reported that Mr. Horton and Mr. Fisher were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, [www.auctioneer.alabama.gov](http://www.auctioneer.alabama.gov), and the Secretary of State's website, [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://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 Gray welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Gray called for a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Mr. Pearce made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Gray reported that a copy of the minutes from November 29, 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 November meeting minutes and approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curvin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Warren introduced staff present at the meeting to include new staff member, Ms. Lora Evans. He presented the Executive Director's Report, which included financial activities of the Board for the period ending February 28, 2023. He reported on the current number of licensees to include examination applicants and provided a list of expired Auctioneer licenses as of February 2023 and list of expired company licenses as of November 30, 2022. He also reported on the

number of complaints received during FY 2023 and provided a similar report for FY 2021 and FY 2022 complaints. (reports available in Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren reported on the new format of the Board's website and commented on articles for the Board's newsletter being prepared for publication.

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

Legal Counsel Report: Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Andy Crowder, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Warren reported that new Board attorney, Mr. Chris Moore, had a heavy caseload and a conflict in schedule prevented him from attending the meeting. The Board discussed the availability of legal counsel services.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pearce made the motion to authorize the Executive Director to pursue other opportunities for Legal Counsel services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grissett and unanimously approved by the Board.

Attorney Crowder reported on a Supreme Court opinion that resulted in a ruling that a lawsuit against a state official or employee was not a matter of sovereign immunity and cited egregious and illegal behavior when performing job-related functions jeopardized Board-member immunity.

Rules Committee Report: Mr. Warren reported that the Rules Committee had no new report at this time.

Update on Association Activities: Mr. Pearce reported that an Association-sponsored continuing education training was held in February on the sale of firearms. The Board discussed online estate sales bid-based platforms and the relationship to licensure requirements.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Update on Board Terms: Mr. Warren reviewed board terms indicating interest in reappointments and one vacancy to be filled in Congressional District 6.

Licensure Examination Review: Mr. Warren recommended the Board plan to meet with Mr. Henry Sorensen with PROV to discuss the Board's examination process. It was the consensus of the Board to invite Mr. Sorensen to meet with the Board, after the business meeting portion of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gray called for the discussion of any new business and there was none.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Gray announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting was Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Warren asked the members to set aside the full day for the Board meeting and meeting with Mr. Sorensen. The Board recommended that should Mr. Sorensen have a conflict with June 6, 2023, the Board meeting would be held on June 15, 2023. Mr. Warren reported that he would keep the Board advised of the meeting date.

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. Grissett and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John D. Gray  
*Board Secretary*

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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