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# MINUTES
## Board Meeting
## February 3, 2026

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Board's office located at 2740 Zelda Road, third floor conference room, in Montgomery, AL. The meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.auctioneer.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Members in attendance were Mr. Mike Fisher (Board Chair), Ms. Angella Morgan (member), Mr. Randall Grissett (member), Mr. Scott Barnes (member), Mr. Chip Pearce (member), Mr. Russ Wood (member), Mr. Ryan Dennis (new member) and Mr. Shane Albright (new member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Cameron Elkins (Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Mr. Warren called the Board member roll and indicated that a quorum of the members was present. A word of prayer was given and the pledge of allegiance was recited by attendees. Mr. Warren read aloud the opening statement concerning Robert's Rules of Order and the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Chairman Fisher welcomed new board members and other attendees.

Oath of Office: Mr. Warren administered the oath of office to new appointed members, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Albright, along with Ms. Morgan who had been reappointed to the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Fisher presented a copy of the minutes from the November 18, 2025 regular Board meeting for the Board's approval.
MOTION: Ms. Morgan made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:
Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report. A copy of the report was provided to the members prior to the meeting (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren reported on the number of active licenses for auctioneers, apprentices and auction companies (#665)

as of January 21, 2026. A list of expired licenses as of December 31, 2025 was provided to the Board, along with a list of new licenses that had been issued since the last Board meeting held in November.

New Licensees:
MOTION: Ms. Morgan made the motion to ratify the approval of new licenses issued by the Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Licensing Activities: Mr. Warren presented licensure activities since last reported at the November Board meeting, along with a summary of complaints covering FY 2024 through FY 2026.

Online Auctions Update: Mr. Warren reported that Board continued to receive notifications about online auction companies and unlicensed online auction companies were issued letters of concern to cease auctions and to comply with licensure requirements. He indicated that clarification about sale of owned goods would be posted on the Board's website and provided to the Auction Association to update the Board's PR campaign landing page.

Financial Report: Mr. Warren presented the financial activities of the Board for the first quarter of FY 2026. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for the reported period along with actual expenditures compared to the budget, along with outstanding invoices to be paid. A positive cash balance was reported for the reported period (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes).
MOTION: Ms. Morgan made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Legislation: The Board discussed the proposed legislation to consolidate the occupational licensure boards and it was the consensus of the Board members that they were in opposition of the proposed legislation.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT
Mr. Elkins reported on the Investigative Committee recommendations (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes):
Case 2025-001 – founded. The Board recommended further investigation since the unlicensed individual continues to promote auctions online.
Case 2025-007 – unfounded. Issue had been resolved.
Case 2025-003 – Administrative Hearing rescheduled May 19, 2026. Mr. Pearce indicated that he would request to be recused from voting on the matter since he had prior knowledge regarding the case.

A member suggested that the Alabama Auction Association consider having a training session concerning Board complaint process and advised not to contact Board members about the matter due to creating a conflict in interest for the Board member to act further on the matter.

MOTION: Mr. Pearce made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Investigative Committee on the three cases presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grissett and unanimously approved by the Board, with Mr. Barnes recused from voting as a member of the Committee.

UPDATE ON AUCTIONEER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Chairman Fisher reported that the Association-sponsored continuing education (CE) program was scheduled on February 18, 2026 and the 2026 annual Association meeting was scheduled August 1-4, 2026, to include a 6-hour CE session open to all state licensees.

UPDATE ON BOARD-SPONSORED PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN: Chairman Fisher on the efforts by the Alabama Auction Association concerning the Board' public relations campaign. He commented on the landing page created for the Board's PR campaign and plans to begin the ad campaign regarding auction industry, consumer protection and licensing regulations for online auctions. Mr. Warren explained that the PR contract with the Alabama Auction Association was for a 12-month period, with the option to renew the contract for additional 12 months. Chairman Fisher reported that the campaign would target, in the first-year, regulation awareness concerning online auction company and, in the second year, public awareness of industry scams. The Board discussed the number of potential complaints following the awareness campaign and consideration to not accepting anonymous complaints as steps toward reducing frivolous complaints.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Renewal of Administrative Management Services Contract: Mr. Warren reminded the Board that the renewal of the Administrative Management Services contract was approved at the November meeting. He indicated that a Microsoft outage occurred on the day the renewal contract was submitted and the contract was not received. He explained that should the contract not be accepted, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be required. Mr. Wood reported similar disruption during a State auction being conducted on the same date by his company and the auction was shutdown due to inability to process paperwork.

MOTION: Mr. Barnes made the motion to authorize the Board Chairman to proceed with the RFP if required by the denial of the renewal contract, and in the absence of a contract renewal, authorize Smith Warren to continue services and approve compensation for continued operations until the contract was executed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed contacting members of the Contract Review Committee about accepting submission of the renewal contract due to unforeseen disruption and the contract placed on the Committee's February agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Board Officers: Chairman Fisher reminded the members that upon appointment of new Board members, election of officers was required.

Mr. Barnes nominated Mr. Fisher as Board Chair and Ms. Morgan as Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor and the officers were approved by unanimous consent.

MOTION: Mr. Pearce made the motion for Mr. Barnes to continue to serve on the Investigative Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submission of Board Travel and Compensation: Compensation requests and travel expense reports were submitted by the members and accepted by the Board.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Fisher reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled May 19, 2026, which would include an Administrative Hearing held on this date.

Other Business: The Board discussed online auctions regulations and developing bid platform such as whatnot, highbid and estatesales. Further discussion was tabled to allow time for further review.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business by the Board and Chairman Fisher called for a motion to adjourn. MOTION: Mr. Pearce made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Fisher adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Barnes
*Board Vice Chair*

Keith E. Warren
*Executive Director*

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