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MINUTES
Board Meeting
November 18, 2025

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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), Mr. Chad Curvin (Board Vice Chair), Ms. Angella Morgan (member), Mr. Randall Grissett (member), Mr. Scott Barnes (member), and Mr. Chip Pearce (member). Members absent were Mr. Russ Wood (member) and Mr. Keith McDaniel (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Cameron Elkins (Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary).

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:06 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.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Fisher presented a copy of the agenda for the November 18, 2025 Board meeting.
MOTION: Mr. Pearce made a motion to approve the November meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board. It was noted that the presiding Chairman would not vote on matters except in case of a tie vote.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Fisher presented a copy of the minutes from the August 12, 2025 regular Board meeting for the Board's approval.
MOTION: Ms. Morgan made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes 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 (#620) for auctioneers, apprentices and auction companies

as of October 31, 2025. He indicated that licenses could be renewed late through November 30, 2025. A list of inactive and expired licenses as of October 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 August.

New Licensees:
MOTION: Mr. Grissett 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 exam activities since last reported at the August Board meeting, along with a summary of complaints covering FY 2024 to-date. He indicated that the examination study guide prepared by the Alabama Auction Association had been submitted to PROV for comments. The Board reviewed a summary of licensing statistics from 2015 through August 15, 2025 and requested an additional breakdown concerning in-state licenses for this period.

Online Auctions Update: Mr. Warren reported that Board continued to receive notifications about online auction companies and companies were issued letters of concern to cease auctions and to comply with licensure requirements. He indicated that formal complaints would be open on companies that failed to comply by January 1, 2026 and a cease and desist letter would be issued.

Board Newsletter: Mr. Warren also presented a draft of the Board's new newsletter and requested feedback prior to publishing.

Financial Report: Mr. Warren presented the financial activities of the Board for FY 2025 ending September 30, 2025, along with the month of October 2025. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for the reported period along with actual expenditures compared to the budget. He reported that the PR campaign expenses would occur in FY 2026. A positive cash balance was reported for the reported period (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes).
MOTION: Mr. Pearce made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously approved by the Board.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT
Mr. Elkins reported on the Investigative Committee recommendations concerning two complaints (report available in the Board's official Book of Minutes):
Case 2025-008 – Unfounded. Administratively close the case.
Case 2025-010 – Letter of concern issued concerning disclosure of contract terms, conditions and closing.

Due to the Board's concerns involving Case 2025-010, the Board discussed creating educational material with consumer tips for public awareness about auction bidding and terms and to further consider any rule changes promoting public welfare. Chairman Fisher asked the members to consider the matter further and the topic be continued to the next Board meeting.

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

UPDATE ON AUCTIONEER ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES
Chairman Fisher report that the Association was working on scheduling the 2026 annual meeting, to include a second day of continuing education activities. He also commented on the Association's committee working on the Board's PR campaign and the development of online tracking of data to determine effectiveness of PR ads, etc. Chairman Fisher reported that the Association-sponsored CE program was scheduled in February.

OLD BUSINESS
Board Terms: The Board discussed the effect of congressional re-districting on current members of the Board. Candidates for Congressional District 4 were discussed, along with District 5 and Chairman Fisher indicated that he would follow-up with the candidates.

Update on PR Campaign Agreement and Activities: Chairman Fisher indicated that the Board's PR Campaign had been presented earlier in the meeting under Auction Association Update.

NEW BUSINESS
Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Calendar: Chairman Fisher presented a list of dates in 2026 for the Board to meet.
MOTION: Ms. Morgan made the motion to approved February 3, May 19, August 18, and November 3, 2026 as Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously approved by the Board.

Renewal of Administrative Management Services Contract: Mr. Warren recommended that the Board consider entering into an interagency agreement tentatively by January 1, 2026, and operate under the State government. The Board discussed the staff and operations under an interagency agreement and the continuation of the management services contract with Smith Warren.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Chairman Fisher called an Executive Session of the Board to protect an individual's good name and character.
MOTION: Mr. Pearce made the motion for the Board to enter an Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of protecting the good name and character of an individual. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan and Mr. Elkins certified the reason for the Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Mr. Curvin, aye, Ms. Morgan, aye, Mr. Grissett, aye, Mr. Barnes, aye, and Mr. Pearce, aye. Chairperson Fisher called the Board into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.
MOTION: Mr. Grissett made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Fisher reconvened the regular business session at 11:25 a.m.

The Board continued discussion concerning Board operations under an interagency agreement.
MOTION: Mr. Pearce made the motion to continue the contract with Smith Warren Management Services for an additional 12 months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grissett.
AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Pearce amended the motion that the Board continue the contract with Smith Warren Management Services for an additional 12 months at the contract rate of $7,500 per month. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Grissett and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed actions by the Contract Review Committee to hold contracts for 45 days before releasing the contracts for Governor's signature, which delayed the effective date of the renewed contract and submission to the Board of Adjustment for payment of services provided in the interim.

Next Board Meeting: Chairman Fisher reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled February 3, 2026, at the Board's office.

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 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Fisher
Board Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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