

**Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2019**

Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Charlie Gay, Chair
- Kim Hagen
- Larry “Bo” Benton
- Rossie Ross
- Stephen Burton

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Carla Murray, Licensing Supervisor
- Cindy Groves, Licensing Analyst
- Melanie Foster, Board Support Specialist
- Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Note: Visitors are excused during Executive Session unless scheduled for a personal appearance.

OPEN SESSION:

Charlie Gay, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§50-14-1 et seq.

Agenda:

Kim Hagen moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 28, 2019 agenda.

Minutes:

Kim Hagen moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the November 26, 2018 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 11-20-2018 – 1-24-2019 - (Total 14): Kim Hagen moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee
AU-C003129	Henry Realty & Auction, LLC
AU004396	Ronald Carl Paschal
AU004397	Cecil R Young, Jr
AU004398	James Daniel Worth
AU004399	Cody Shelley
AU004400	Linda Henson Sorrow
AU004401	Russell L Sorrow
AU004402	Tashina Taylor Clark
AU004403	Scott F. Foster
AU004404	Timothy Ray Haley
AU004405	Laura M Carswell
EXEMPT	Brooke's Auction
EXEMPT	Barnyard Auctions
EXEMPT	Burton Realty and Auction, Inc

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h), for the purpose of reviewing complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Charlie Gay, Chair, declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. at 12:11 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Kim Hagen moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to accept the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Applications:

None.

Complaints:

AUCT190022 – Table – pending receipt of letter of explanation from licensee.

AUCT190023 – Table – complaint was referred to Inspections between meetings, per the Cognizant’s recommendation.

AUCT190016 – Table – refer to Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order to include a fine of \$250 per violation, for a total fine of \$1,500, for failure to remit money belonging to others.

AUCT190024 – Table – complaint was referred to Inspections between meetings, per the Cognizant’s recommendation.

AUCT190025 – Close – no jurisdiction. Refer to the Used Motor Vehicle Board.

AUCT190011 – Close – no response received from complainant within thirty days.

AUCT190013 – Close – no response received from complainant within thirty days.

AUCT190017 – Table – resend request for additional information to alternate address.

Attorney General’s Report:

The Commission voted to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

The Commission reviewed the OSAH Initial Decision for ongoing complaint AUCT170001 for information only. No action was taken.

Ongoing complaint AUCT180032 – Rescind previous referral to the Attorney General’s Office for revocation. Licensee to submit a signed change of address form within 7 days of request. Once received, close with a letter of concern.

Other Business:

PSI Request

PSI is requesting subject matter experts for upcoming updates to board exam. The Commission will forward recommendations to the Executive Director no later than the March meeting.

Virginia Auctioneers Board Request

The Commission received a reciprocal continuing education request from the Virginia Auctioneers Board. The Commission voted unanimously to table the request for guidance from the Attorney General’s office. Staff to reach out to the Virginia Auctioneers Board for clarification on approval requirements for CE providers in the state of Virginia.

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Exempt Company Application

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Exempt Company License application.

Commission Election

Kim Hagen moved, Rossie Ross seconded, and the Commission voted to elect Stephen Burton as the Chair of the Commission.

CE Broker

CE Broker submitted additional information and a request to establish if the Commission would like a follow-up presentation of CE Broker services. The Commission reviewed the request and voted unanimously that a follow-up is not necessary at this time.

Request for Administrative Authority

Kim Hagen moved, Rossie Ross seconded and the Commission granted staff the administrative authority to close complaints that are in a "Pending Complainant" status after 30 days, when there is no response by complainant to staff's requests for additional information.

The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, March 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, Charlie Gay, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melanie Foster, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: March 25, 2019



Stephen Burton, Chair



Brad Coman, Executive Director

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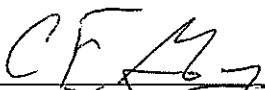
AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

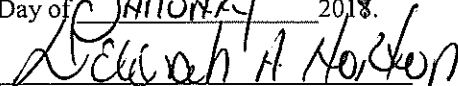
Comes now Charlie Gay, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On January 28, 2019 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
4. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:
Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants; information, favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


PRESIDING OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th
Day of JANUARY 2019.


Notary Public

