

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2020
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Stephen Burton, Chair
- Kim Hagen
- Larry “Bo” Benton
- Perry Walden

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

- Rossie Ross

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

OPEN SESSION:

Stephen Burton, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the March 30, 2020 agenda.

Minutes:

Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 27, 2020 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 1/22/2020 – 3/23/2020- (Total 13): Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee
AU-C003158	International Auction, LLC
AU-C003159	Chad Williams Auction Co., LLC
AU-C003160	Pendergrass Public Auto Auction
AU004452	Hossein Baghshahi
AU004453	James Carl Fetner, Jr
AU004454	Jonathan Noel
AU004455	Steve Sellers

License #	Licensee
AU004456	Charles Wallace Clements, III
EXEMPT	Clements Real Estate and Auction LLC
EXEMPT	The K and B Auction Company
EXEMPT	Rapid Auction LLC
EXEMPT	Buggy Town Auction LLC-Reynolds
EXEMPT	Alex Baghshahi Auctions

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h); and 43-6 for the purpose of discussing and reviewing applications and complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

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At the conclusion of Executive Session, Stephen Burton, 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 11:10 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Applications:

1201851 – Approved for renewal.

2552995 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain court documents showing final disposition of arrests.

Complaints:

AUCT200005 – Close – No violation.

AUCT200006 – Table – Refer to Inspections to obtain statement from respondent.

AUCT200007 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain settlement statements and statement from respondent.

AUCT200009 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain statement from respondent and offer a voluntary Cease and Desist to anyone found practicing without a license.

AUCT200010 – Close – No jurisdiction. Refer to Georgia Board of Used Motor Vehicles.

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Attorney General’s Report:

The Commission reviewed and accepted the Attorney General’s report, which included information on any cases referred for action and requested legal advice.

Other Business

Docketed Orders:

Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission unanimously voted to ratify all docketed orders.

Type	Name	Docket #	City
Cease & Desist	Richard Allen Paul	2019-0144	Villa Rica
Cease & Desist	Rich Paul Auctions	2020-0143	Villa Rica

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from Missouri Auction School regarding allowing distance learning in conjunction with the CDC guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board noted they are receptive to allowing prelicensure training via distance learning, but requested that additional information be provided for Board review, including addressing the differences, if any, that there would be in the curriculum for distance learning compared to curriculum used for in-person instruction. Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the motion carried.

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The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, Stephen Burton, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Alexis Hardy, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: May 18, 2020


Stephen Burton, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director