

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2022
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

- Kim Hagen, Chair
- Perry Walden
- Al Lawson
- Patty Brown
- Larry “Bo” Benton
- Stephen Burton

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Anna Saxton, Licensing Analyst
- Mary Brannen, Assistant Attorney General

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

OPEN SESSION:

Kim Hagen, 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:

Stephen Burton moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 24, 2022 agenda.

Minutes:

Bo Benton moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the November 22, 2021 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 11/19/2021 – 1/19/2022 - (Total 8): Bo Benton moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee
AU-C003189	Idol Auctions Company
AU-C003190	Jack Nitz & Associates Auctioneers and Land Brokers
AU-C003191	Cagle Auction Company Inc
AU004533	Melanie Paige Holt

License #	Licensee
AU004534	Travis Britsch
AU004535	Adrian Walters
AU004536	Rebekah Allison McDuffie
EXEMPT	Atlanta Bid Auction Company LLC

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patty Brown moved, Perry Walden seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h); and 43-6 for the purpose of reviewing complaint cases, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Kim Hagen, 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 10:30 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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OPEN SESSION:

Bo Benton, Al Lawson seconded, and the Commission voted to accept the following recommendations made during Executive Session:

Complaints:

AUCT220006 – Table – To March 28, 2022 meeting. Staff to reach out to complainant for additional information.

AUCT220007 – Close – Refer to Georgia Board of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers.

AUCT220008 – Close – Refer to Georgia Board of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers.

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:

Correspondence:

The Commission reviewed and discussed correspondence that detailed hypothetical scenarios, seeking confirmation from the Commission that the individuals and/or businesses in these scenarios would not be required to maintain a license issued by the Commission. Patty Brown moved, Perry Walden seconded, and the Commission voted to refer the questioner to the current Practice Act and Commission rules, noting their stance on online auctions, which is detailed in the Commission’s frequently asked questions section on the Commission website. The Commission also noted that they are unable to provide business or legal advice, or interpret laws or rules.

Online Auction School Discussion:

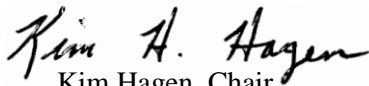
The Commission discussed presentation methods for prelicensure education by approved Auctioneer Schools. After hearing from Auctioneers and approved Auctioneer Schools, and assessing the need for online prelicensure education, Perry Walden moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to allow prelicensure education, in addition to being taught in a traditional classroom setting, to be taught online, after an approved school has provided an updated lesson plan to the Commission for consideration and approval. The updated lesson plan must include details on how the school intends to verify student participation. For all online education at least 75% must be taught via live webinar that is instructor led with student interaction, and student participation must be monitored by a required webcam feed. No more than 25% of prelicensure education taught online may be obtained via pre-recorded lectures or webinars. All rules regarding schools remain in effect, including the requirement that prelicensure education consist of a minimum of 80 credit hours earned in not less than ten (10) days.


The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, March 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business, Kim Hagen, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes were approved on: March 28, 2022


Kim Hagen, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director