

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Anna Saxton, Licensing Analyst

Members Absent:

- Al Lawson

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 10:04 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:

Perry Walden moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 30, 2023 agenda.

Minutes:

Perry Walden moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the November 28, 2022 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 11/23/22 – 1/26/23 - (Total 7): Perry Walden 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-C003206	Adesa Atlanta, LLC
AU-C003207	WAKA International LLC/dba Rivington Crown Antiques
AU-C003208	Sold Auction Company

License #	Licensee
AU-C003209	Austin Oliver Auctions, LLC
AU004585	Marshal K Tingle
AU004586	Matthew C Woods
AU004587	Danny Joe Lawler

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patty Brown moved, Perry Walden seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:06 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 and discussing applications, complaints, 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 10:26 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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OPEN SESSION:

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

Complaints:

AUCT230007 – Table – Refer to Department of Revenue. Refer to Investigations to obtain statements and additional information, and offer a Voluntary Cease and Desist order to anyone found practicing without a license.

AUCT230006 – Close – Lack of information.

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.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Attorney's General's Office regarding proposed rule amendments to Rules 55-3-.01, 55-4-.01, 55-4-.02, 55-4-.05, 55-4-.06, 55-5-.01, and 55-5-.02. The Board recommended to table the discussion to the March 27, 2023, meeting.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Attorney's General's Office regarding proposed Rule 55-3-.04. The Board recommended to post and schedule a rules hearing for the March 27, 2023 meeting.

Other Business

Commission Election

Kim Hagen moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to elect Bo Benton as Chair.

Legislative Discussion:

The Commission discussed needed changes to the current Commission Law and Rules to more clearly address online auctions and company exemptions. Kim Hagen moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to table the discussion to the March 27, 2023 meeting.

The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, March 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Bo Benton, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director
Minutes were approved on: March 27, 2023.


Bo Benton, Chair


Brad Coman, Executive Director