

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Board Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2024
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

- Patty Brown

* *via teleconference*

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

OPEN SESSION:

Bo Benton, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 March 25, 2024 agenda as presented.

Minutes:

Perry Walden moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 22, 2024 Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 1/19/2024 – 3/20/2024 - (Total 6): Perry Walden moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee
AUC003219	Deer Run Auction LLC
AU004639	Olivia Jane Gentry
AUC003221	Angel's Thrift Shop

License #	Licensee
AUC003220	Caring Transitions 36039
AUC003222	Crexi Technologies, LLC
AU004638	Erin Kienzle

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Perry Walden moved, Stephen Burton seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:16 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 and complaints, and to hear the Attorney General’s report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Bo Benton, 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 10:27 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Application:

Appearance # 4067851 – Reppert Auction School – Approved.

Complaints:

AUCT240009 – Close – Refer to Georgia Real Estate Commission.

AUCT240008 – Table – Refer to Investigations to obtain a statement and offer a voluntary Cease and Desist Order to anyone operating without a license.

AUCT240004 – Close – No violation.

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:

Rules Review:

The Commission discussed potential housekeeping amendments to Rules 55-3-.04 and 55-6-.01. Perry Walden moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission unanimously voted to refer the proposed amendments to the Attorney General’s Office for a memorandum of authority and to post for public hearing.

Legislative Update:

The Commission reviewed and discussed any pending legislative bills that could impact the Commission or the profession, including HB 575, HB 880, HB 1096, HB 1190, SB 157, and SB 471.

The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Bo Benton, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director
Minutes were approved on: May 20, 2024.


Bo Benton, 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.

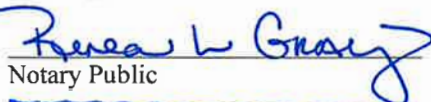
Comes now Bo Benton, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 March 25, 2024, 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 25
Day of March 20 24.


Notary Public

