

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2025
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Ashley Burley, Licensing Analyst
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Kareem McCulley, Assistant Attorney General
- Eric Yi, Assistant Attorney General

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 10:01 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, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 27, 2025 agenda.

Minutes:

Perry Walden moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the November 25, 2024, Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 11/22/2024 – 1/23/2025 - (Total 9): Kim Hagan moved, Perry Waldon seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

| License # | Licensee |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| AU004709 | Joshua Robert Schott |
| EXEMPT000011 | KGS Auctions, LLC |
| AU-C003234 | House of Craven |
| AU-C003235 | Penske Used Trucks |
| AU004710 | Freddie Charles Giddens jr |

| License # | Licensee |
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| AU004711 | Dwight Butler |
| AU004712 | William Burke Brennan III |
| AU004713 | Malvern Hooley |
| AU004715 | Josh Pegg |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Hagan moved, Stephen Burton 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 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 10:43 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Application:

4217391 - Southeastern School of Auctioneering LLC – Approved.

Complaints:

AUCT240013 – Close – No violation.

AUCT250003 – Close – No violation / civil matter.

AUCT250001 – Close with Letter of Concern regarding allegations of non-compliance with requirements for contracts, closing statements, and depositing proceeds into an escrow/trust account.

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

Commission Election

Kim Hagen moved, Al Lawson seconded, and the Commission voted to elect Perry Walden as Chair.

Certificate of Active Supervision:

The Board reviewed the certificate of active supervision from the Governor’s office, dated November 25, 2024, approving amendments to Rule 55-3-.04, which became effective December 30, 2024.

The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, March 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Bo Benton, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: March 24, 2025.


Perry Walden, 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.

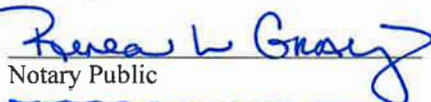
Comes now Bo Benton, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 January 27, 2025, 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 27th
Day of January 2025.


Notary Public

