

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2025
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

- Brad Coman, Executive Director
- Melanie Foster, Licensing Supervisor
- Ashley Burley, Licensing Analyst
- Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist
- Doylin Ryals, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

- Al Lawson

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

OPEN SESSION:

Perry Walden, Chair, noted a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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:

Patty Brown moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the July 28, 2025 agenda.

Minutes:

Kim Hagen moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the May 19, 2025, Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 5/15/2025 – 7/22/2025 - (Total 15): 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	License #	Licensee
EXEMPT000014	Valdosta Auction & Estate Sale Services, LLC	AU004744	Thomas Taylor III
AU004737	Teresa Zito	AU004745	Devin Love
AU004738	Grant Bussey	AU004746	Macy Nobles
AU004739	Lindsey Ullmer	AU004748	Jay M McElrath
AU004740	Robert Conley Barnes Jr	AU004747	Deidre A Humphrey
AU004741	Ronald Lucian Cox	AU004749	Anthony Michniak
AU004742	Eric Lee Henderson	AU-C003240	Insurance Auto Auctions Corp.
		AU-C003241	Insurance Auto Auctions

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Bo Benton moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 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.

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At the conclusion of Executive Session, Perry Walden, 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 12:11 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Complaints:

AUCT260001 – Table – Refer to Investigations to visit facility to obtain additional information and offer a voluntary Cease and Desist Order to the company and anyone operating unlicensed.

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 Commission reviewed and discussed a memo of legal advice from the AG’s office regarding the Commission’s authority to promulgate rules requiring that all licensed Auction Companies be associated with a licensed Auctioneer to be responsible for the operation of the Company and be available and accessible to Inspectors and Investigators. Rules Committee to draft proposed language for rule changes to be presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

Other Business

Executive Director’s Report

The Commission reviewed the Executive Director’s report, which provided the Commission with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters for the 2025 fiscal year.

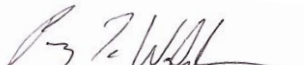
The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, September 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Perry Walden, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: September 15, 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.

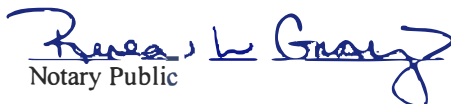
Comes now Perry Walden, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 July 28, 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 28th
Day of July 20 25.


Notary Public



RENEA L. GRAY
Notary Public, Georgia
Houston County
My Commission Expires
June 01, 2027