

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 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
- Al Lawson

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

- Stephen Burton

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 10:01 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:

Patty Brown moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the May 19, 2025 agenda as amended.

Minutes:

Bo Benton moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the March 24, 2025, Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 3/21/2025 – 5/14/2025 - (Total 12): Bo Benton moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
AU004726	Tina Marie	AU004731	William Brandon Gilliam
AU004727	Michael Allen Kight	AU004732	James Carroll Rush Jr.
AU-C003239	Pegg Auction Company LLC	AU004733	Emily Katherine Costley
AU004728	Jason Bronis	AU004734	Lenora Jeanne Brooks
AU004729	Christopher Edward Link	AU004735	Charles E Williams II
AU004730	Antoinette Lynn Haste	AU004736	Matthew Holloway

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patty Brown moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 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, 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 10:52 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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OPEN SESSION:

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

Complaints:

AUCT240010– Table – Staff to request supporting documents from complainant. Close in 30 days for lack of information if no response has been received.

AUCT250012 – Close – With a Letter of Concern regarding best practices, item descriptions and incorrect items being shipped to purchasers.

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

Legislative Discussion:

The Commission discussed recent legislative changes as well as any future proposed changes. Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission unanimously voted to refer a request for legal advice to the Attorney General’s Office seeking clarification on the statutory authority related to facility prerequisites.

Inspections Discussion:

The Commission discussed inspection requirements. Kim Hagen moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission unanimously voted to refer a request for legal advice to the Attorney General’s Office seeking clarification on the statutory authority related to routine and complaint related inspections and investigations and qualifying licenses being available and accessible.

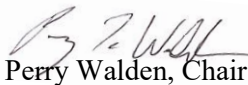
The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, July 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Perry Walden, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: July 28, 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.

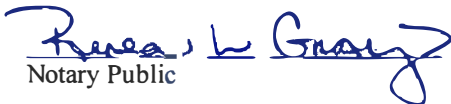
1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On May 19, 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 19th
Day of May 2025.



Notary Public



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