

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2026
Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State
3920 Arkwright Rd. Suite 195, Macon, GA 31210

Members Present:

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

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:

- Patty Brown

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 10:00 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:

Kim Hagen moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the January 26, 2026 agenda.

Minutes:

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

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 11/21/2025 – 1/20/2026 - (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
EXEMPT000282	Okey-Dokey Auction	AU004771	Richard Webb Vaughan
EXEMPT000283	Rich & Rich Bonded Auctioneers Int. Inc	AU004772	Benjamin Heath Bennett
AU004767	Anthony Clay Ivey	AU004773	Lauren Cloud
AU004769	Emma Reynolds	AU004774	John Branham Starnes
AU004768	Jay Mark Singleton	AU004775	Charles Joshua Phelps
AU004770	Bryant Alphonsa Roberson	AU-C003247	Farmers National Company

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Hagen moved, Al Lawson seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:44 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 12:08 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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OPEN SESSION:

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

Complaints:

AUCT260007 – Refer to Inspections to reach out to respondents to obtain statements and additional information.

AUCT260002 – Refer to Attorney General’s Office for a public Consent Order to include a \$250 fine for failing to include company’s name/license number on all advertising, failing to update the Commission on the change of address for the company, and misrepresentation regarding multiple buyer’s premiums.

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

CE Broker Presentation:

Teanne Rose, Senior Client Success Manager with CE Broker, presented to the Board on the process to claim a licensee’s account in CE Broker, report proof of CE completion, and report CEs to multiple licenses at the same time, noting that the law now requires that the agency use a CE tracking solution for individuals to renew their license, which will impact the next renewal period in 2027.

The next meeting of the Georgia Auctioneer Commission will be held Monday, March 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Perry Walden, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: March 23, 2026.


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.

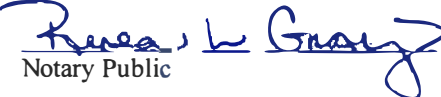
Comes now Perry Walden, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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 January 26, 2026, 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 26th
Day of January 2026.


Notary Public



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