

Georgia Auctioneers Commission
Teleconference Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 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
- Patty Brown

Others Present:

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

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 10:09 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:

Bo Benton moved, Kim Hagen seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the May 18, 2026 agenda.

Minutes:

Al Lawson moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to approve the March 23, 2026, Open Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes.

Ratification List:

Licenses Issued: 3/19/2026 – 5/12/2026 - (Total 17): Kim Hagen moved, Patty Brown seconded, and the Commission voted to ratify the licenses issued between meetings in accordance with Commission Rules and Policies.

License #	Licensee	License #	Licensee
EXEMPT000284	WB Auction	AU004795	Landon Daniel Jones
AU004788	Charles Wayne Parmer Jr	AU004797	Davis Brooks
AU004789	Erin Austin	AU004798	Neville Alberga Russell Jr
AU004790	Jeremy Trester	AU004799	Leonard Remy
AU004792	Javier Tomas Landeros	AU-C003250	America's Auto Auction Savannah
AU004791	Matthew Thomas Allan	AU-C003251	Black Star ACA LLC
AU004793	Toby M Hardeman	AU-C003252	Jimmys Auction House LLC
AU004794	Dominic Anthony Carubba	AU-C003253	Highland Collective, LLC
AU004796	Rebecca Carter-Reaves		

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patty Brown moved, Bo Benton seconded, and the Commission voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:11 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 10:44 a.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION:

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

Application:

Application # 4662311 – E.P. – Approve pending receipt of proof of completion of apprenticeship that led to initial licensure.

Complaints:

AUCT260015 – Close – Lack of information.

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 reviewed and discussed legislative changes. The Commission noted that due to the Governor’s signing of House Bill 1254 during the 2026 legislative session, effective July 1, 2026 regulation of the profession will be moved from the Georgia Auctioneers Commission to the Department of Georgia Auctioneers under the Office of Georgia Secretary of State’s Professional Licensing Boards Division as the Georgia Auctioneers Commission shall stand dissolved. Effective July 1, 2026, licensure for Auctioneer Companies will also no longer be required and all active licenses for Auctioneer Companies will be null and void. Additionally, all licensed Auctioneers will be required to maintain an escrow or trustee account in their name, which will be required for new license applications, reinstatements, and renewals and existing escrow or trustee accounts must be updated to meet the new requirement if they do not comply with the requirements in Georgia statute. Staff noted that the agency will be working to update the website and all applications to reflect these changes.

There being no further business, Perry Walden, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristin Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brad Coman, Executive Director

Minutes were approved on: July 27, 2026.


Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director


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.

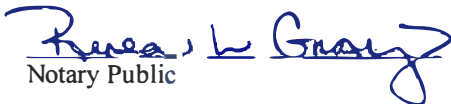
Comes now Perry Walden, Chairman identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

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. 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 18, 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 18 th
Day of May 20 26.


Notary Public



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