

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEERS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF
THOMAS LYNWOOD LAWS

Given before Yvonne R. Bohannon, Registered Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of South Carolina, commencing at 10:09 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012, at the offices of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

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1 MR. BLOCKER: All right. This hearing
2 is called to order then in the matter of
3 Gary D. Townsend, Townsend Real Estate.
4 The purpose of the hearing is determine
5 whether the applicant should be granted a
6 license.

7 MR. SPOON: This is Mr. Laws.

8 MS. MILES: This is Mr. Laws.

9 MR. BLOCKER: I'm sorry?

10 MS. MILES: This is Mr. Laws.

11 MR. BLOCKER: Excuse me. Excuse me.
12 I better back up.

13 MR. LAWS: That's okay.

14 MR. BLOCKER: Any time you get two
15 things in front of me, I always get them
16 backwards. Thank you. I had not noticed
17 that.

18 Well, we'll still call the meeting to
19 order -- the hearing to order in the matter
20 of Thomas Lynwood Laws, and excuse that a
21 while ago. The purpose of this meeting is
22 to determine whether the applicant should
23 be granted a license as an auctioneer.

24 Everyone is reminded that these
25 proceedings are being recorded and all

1 witnesses must be sworn before they
2 testify. All remarks should be directed to
3 myself as chairman.

4 Ms. Miles, do we have the complete
5 application package in our --

6 MS. MILES: Yes, sir.

7 MR. BLOCKER: Okay.

8 What question did the staff have
9 concerning this application?

10 MS. MILES: On November 17th, 2011,
11 the Commission received an application from
12 Mr. Laws. Mr. Laws' credit report contains
13 unpaid collection accounts that exceed
14 \$500. He answered no to question 12 on the
15 application which asks if there are any
16 judgments, liens or claims filed against
17 you in the past five years.

18 He passed the exam on December 2nd,
19 2011, and his file is complete.

20 MR. BLOCKER: Okay. Did the staff
21 subpoena anybody else to come in to answer
22 questions?

23 MS. MILES: No, sir.

24 MR. BLOCKER: And Mr. Laws is here.

25 Are you represented by counsel?

1 MR. LAWS: No, sir.

2 MR. BLOCKER: Would you give us your
3 full name for the record, please.

4 MR. LAWS: Yes. It's Thomas Lynwood
5 Laws.

6 MR. SPOON: Would you be sworn in at
7 this point.

8 MR. LAWS: Sir?

9 MR. SPOON: The court reporter will
10 swear you in too.

11 (Thomas Lynwood Laws, being first duly
12 sworn, testified as follows:)

13 MR. BLOCKER: Mr. Laws, do you got any
14 witnesses you've brought to testify on your
15 behalf?

16 MR. LAWS: No, sir.

17 MR. BLOCKER: Okay. And you were
18 already sworn in. I'm going by the script.

19 MR. SPOON: And I'm sorry, we got
20 ahead of you.

21 MR. BLOCKER: Got ahead of me. That's
22 okay.

23 Mr. Laws, are you ready to show us why
24 you should be granted a license despite the
25 questions that have been raised by the

1 staff?

2 MR. LAWS: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BLOCKER: Okay.

4 MR. LAWS: I have five copies of the
5 things that were questioned on my credit
6 report.

7 MR. BLOCKER: All right. You may
8 present those, please.

9 MR. LAWS: Yes, sir.

10 MR. SPOON: What are these documents,
11 sir?

12 MR. LAWS: This is each individual
13 item that I cleared up off my report.

14 MR. SPOON: Okay. Fran Junior?

15 MR. LAWS: Yes. One of them if you'll
16 notice on the copies she's giving you was a
17 duplicate billing. The National Credit
18 System for 288.

19 MR. BLOCKER: Go ahead.

20 MR. LAWS: We'll go down starting with
21 the -- the Duke Energy account. There's a
22 receipt there where I paid for that.
23 National Credit System, like I said, that
24 was a medical billing.

25 I have really bad allergies and I had

1 went to these people about receiving
2 allergy shots, and I wasn't able to do it
3 because I couldn't get off work. I had to
4 get off work once a week on Friday, and
5 with my employer I wasn't able to, and they
6 had billed me for this procedure anyway.
7 In the interest of settling this account, I
8 went ahead and paid this also.

9 And then the last one was from -- I
10 believe 2001 was the MCI account. And I've
11 paid that also as my receipts will show.

12 MR. BLOCKER: Mr. Holiday, do you got
13 any questions for Mr. Laws?

14 MR. HOLIDAY: No, sir. No.

15 MR. BLOCKER: Mr. Burns?

16 MR. BURNS: No, sir.

17 MR. BLOCKER: Mr. Avendano?

18 MR. AVENDANO: No, sir, not at this
19 time.

20 MR. BLOCKER: Ms. Pinkney?

21 MS. PINKNEY: No.

22 MR. BLOCKER: You've given us this
23 information.

24 MR. LAWS: Yes, sir.

25 MR. SPOON: Mr. Laws, just one quick

1 kind of timing question about the
2 application itself. Since you had answered
3 the question on the application concerning
4 the general -- general credit issues, was
5 that after you had already taken care of
6 these things when you completed the
7 application or was it before?

8 MR. LAWS: That was before. I hadn't
9 ran my credit report in quite a while and I
10 wasn't aware that this was on there. I
11 bought a car in 2010. That's the last time
12 I saw my credit report.

13 MR. SPOON: Okay. Do you know whether
14 or not these items -- the copy that the
15 Board has of your credit report would still
16 show that these items are outstanding? Do
17 you happen to know if you were to obtain a
18 credit report today, would they -- would
19 they be -- would that be any different?

20 MR. LAWS: These -- these should be
21 removed now. Granted sometimes with these
22 people it takes a couple of cycles to get
23 this off my report, but they shouldn't show
24 anymore.

25 MR. SPOON: And you wouldn't object to

1 doing that, right?

2 MR. LAWS: No, sir.

3 MR. SPOON: Providing the
4 administrative board with an updated copy
5 of the TransUnion Credit report?

6 MR. LAWS: No, sir, not at all.

7 MR. SPOON: You don't have any
8 objection to that?

9 MR. LAWS: No, sir.

10 MR. SPOON: Like I said, just -- just
11 kind of timing issue questions.

12 MR. LAWS: Okay.

13 MR. SPOON: That's all.

14 MR. BLOCKER: I'll entertain a motion
15 that we go into executive session.

16 MR. HOLIDAY: Make a motion.

17 MR. BLOCKER: Do we have a second?

18 MR. BURNS: Second.

19 MR. BLOCKER: I have a motion, second
20 we take it up in executive session.

21 All in favor say aye.

22 We'll let you know as soon as we're
23 back.

24 MR. LAWS: Thank you.

25 MR. BLOCKER: We'll hold the executive

1 session in a few minutes and do them all at
2 one time. Is that all right?

3 MR. SPOON: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BLOCKER: All right. Thank you,
5 sir.

6 MR. LAWS: Yes, sir.

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8 MR. BLOCKER: Our first order of
9 business is Mr. Laws. We discussed your
10 case but no vote was taken.

11 I'll entertain a motion now on
12 Mr. Laws' disposition.

13 MR. HOLIDAY: I make a motion to
14 approve the license on probation with the
15 stipulation of a satisfactory copy of a
16 credit report one year from the effective
17 date of this order.

18 MR. BLOCKER: It should be mailed to
19 you, sir.

20 MR. LAWS: Thank you very much.

21 MS. MILES: Second?

22 MR. SPOON: We need a vote.

23 MR. BLOCKER: Do we have a second?

24 MR. AVENDANO: I second.

25 MS. PINKNEY: I second.

1 MR. BLOCKER: All in favor please say

2 aye.

3 So ordered.

4 You prepare that and give it to him.

5 (The hearing was concluded at

6 11:38 a.m.)

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