

# MINUTES

## South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m., March 22, 2022  
Teleconference Commission Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

Matthew J. Holiday, Chairperson, of Spartanburg, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:01 a.m. Other commissioners present for the meeting included: Julian R. Dixon, Jr., Vice-Chairperson, of Sumter; Joseph B. Burns, of Swansea; Lisa K. Davey, of Sumter; and James Bryan Hope, of Ninety Six.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Kristina Zepp, Administrative Assistant; and Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

There was no one from the public in attendance.

#### A. Public Notice

Mr. Holiday announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Auctioneers' Commission office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The meeting will be held via video and teleconference. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For telephone logon information, please email [contact.auctioneer@llr.sc.gov](mailto:contact.auctioneer@llr.sc.gov).

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holiday called for a motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dixon made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hope, to approve the March 22, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Introduction of Commission Members

The Commission members introduced themselves.

### 4. Approval of Excused Absences

All members of the Commission were present.

### 5. Approval of Minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting

The Commission members reviewed the minutes. Mr. Holiday called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dixon, to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes with corrections to the name of the person that seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### 6. Remarks – Mathew J. Holiday, Chairperson

Mr. Holiday welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 7. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

### A. Financial Report

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that the cash balance on February 28, 2022 was \$747,468.20, and the Recovery Fund balance was \$139,169.65.

Ms. Holleman reminded the Commission that the South Carolina State Ethics Commission requires that each Commissioner electronically files his/her Statement of Economic Interest by 12:00 p.m. on March 30, 2022.

Ms. Holleman introduced Kristina Zepp and mentioned Sandra Filipovic as the new administrative assistants with the Commission.

## 8. Reports

### A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) - Rodney Pigford

Mr. Pigford asked that the Commission review and approve the March 7, 2022 Investigative Review Committee Report, recommending a dismissal of cases 2021-20 and 2021-21.

Mr. Holiday called for a motion in this matter.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davey, to approve the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations. The motion carried unanimously.

### B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) – Rodney Pigford

Mr. Pigford presented the OIE report as information only. There were 21 complaints received between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, and six received between January 1, 2022 and March 17, 2022. There are two active investigations.

### C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) – Alexis Bell

Ms. Bell presented the March 15, 2022 ODC Report as information only: two open cases, and two pending hearings/agreements.

## 9. Consent Agreement

This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript should one be necessary.

### A. Case No.: 2021-3

Ms. Bell presented the Consent Agreement to the Commission. The Board reviewed the agreement.

Mr. Holiday called for disposition on the Consent Agreement or a motion to go into Executive Session to seek legal advice.

**MOTION:** Ms. Davey made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dixon, that the Commission adopt the Consent Agreement and grant the Administrator permission to affix the Commission Chairperson's signature to the Consent Agreement.

## 10. Legislative Updates

There were no updates.

**11. Election of Officers**

Mr. Holiday opened the floor for nominations for the Chairperson. Mr. Dixon nominated Mr. Matthew Holliday for Chairperson. Mr. Burns seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Holiday, as the elected Chairperson, opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Holiday nominated Mr. Julian "Rafe" Dixon for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Hope seconded the nomination, which passed unanimously.

**12. Public Comments (no votes taken)**

There were no comments from the public.

**13. Executive Session**

**14. Return to Public Session**

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Holiday called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hope, to adjourn the Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holiday, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the March 22, 2022 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 10:28 a.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission is **May 17, 2022.**