

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Meeting**

10:00 a.m., May 17, 2022  
Teleconference Commission Meeting

**Tuesday, May 17, 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 9:57 a.m. Other commissioners present for the meeting included Joseph B. Burns, of Swansea; Lisa K. Davey, of Sumter; and James Bryan Hope, of Ninety Six.

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

Members of the public attending the meeting: Nicholas James Smith

**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. Burns 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**

Mr. Julian R. Dixon was not in attendance. Mr. Holiday called for a motion in this matter.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hope to excuse the absence. The motion carried unanimously.

**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. Hope, to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes without corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Holiday welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

## 7. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

### A. Financial Report

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that the cash balance on April 30, 2022 was \$709,758.58 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$141,214.69.

Ms. Holleman reminded the Commission that Auctioneer and Auction Firm licenses will be due for renewal in 2023.

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that NALLOA will be holding their annual meeting virtually at noon on July 20, 2022.

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that an email had been sent out regarding a change to the storage facility statute, requiring these facilities to engage the services of a licensed Auctioneer for unit auctions.

## 8. Reports

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

Mr. Pigford asked that the Commission review and approve the May 2, 2022 Investigative Review Committee Report recommending a dismissal of cases 2022-6 and 2022-2.

Mr. Holiday called for a motion in this matter.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burns made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hope, to approve the Investigative Review Committee's recommendation. 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 12 received between January 1, 2022 and May 5, 2022. There are five active investigations.

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

Ms. Bell presented the May 12, 2022 ODC Report as information only: 4 one open case, and pending hearings/agreements.

## 9. Application Hearings

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

### A. Auctioneer Application

#### 1. Nicholas James Smith

Mr. Nicholas Smith appeared before the Commission on his own behalf.

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that the application is complete. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Smith answered "yes" to the application question regarding judgements, liens or claims filed against the applicant within the past five years. Ms. Holleman stated that Mr. Smith previously lived in Arizona,, which is a closed records state. A background check is required on the Auctioneers application, so Mr. Smith is coming to the Board to request he be granted an

Auctioneer license. Ms. Holleman stated Mr. Smith submitted a statement explaining his answers on the application.

Mr. Holiday called for a motion in this matter.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hope made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davey, to approve Mr. Smith sit for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Exam. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no comments from the public.

**11. Executive Session**

**12. Return to Public Session**

**13. 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 May 17, 2022 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 10:19 a.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission is **August 10, 2022.**