

MINUTES

South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m., March 28, 2023
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

1. Meeting Called to Order

Matthew Holiday, Chairperson called the regular meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Commission Members Present:

Matthew J. Holiday, Chairperson
Julian R. Dixon, Jr., Vice-Chairperson
James Bryan Hope
Joseph Burns

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel
Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Amy Holleman, Previous Administrator
Doc Smith, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Laura Smith, Current Administrator

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC
Paul Dewees, President, Missouri Auction School

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 was held via video and teleconference.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION: Mr. Burns made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Introduction of Commission Members

The Commission members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Excused Absences

Mr. Dixon made the motion to excuse Lisa Davey's absent. Mr. Burns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from the November 30, meeting

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

MOTION: Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the November 30, 2022 minutes. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Chairperson's Remarks – Mathew Holiday

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

Mr. Holiday thanked Amy Holleman and her team for the many years of service for the Auctioneers' Commission.

7. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

Ms. Holleman introduced Laura Smith as the new Administrator for the Auctioneers' Commission.

A. Financial Report

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that the cash balance on February 28, 2023 was \$490,696.61 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$129,494.98.

8. Reports

A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) – Doc Smith

Mr. Smith informed the commission that there was an IRC scheduled for March 8, 2023, but was cancelled due to no cases submitted for review.

B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) – Doc Smith

Mr. Smith presented the OIE report as information only. There were 2 complaints received between January 1, 2023 and March 23, 2023. There are no active investigations.

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

Ms. Bell presented the March 15, 2023 ODC Report as information only: two open cases, two pending hearings & agreements, and two closed since January 1, 2023.

Disciplinary Hearings

9. A. Consent Agreement

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

1. Case No.: 2022-19

Ms. Alexis Bell, Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Consent Agreement.

After hearing questions or comments from the Commissioners, Mr. Holiday called for a disposition in this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Burns made a motion for the Commission to accept the Consent Agreement. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

10. Application Hearings

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

A. Online/Distance Learning for Pre-licensing Education

1. Missouri Auction School

Mr. Paul Dewees, Representative of the Missouri Auction School, presented his business.

After hearing questions or comments from the Commissioners, Mr. Holiday called for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Dixon made the motion to approve the Missouri Auction School for Online/Distance learning. Mr. Burns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Election of Officers

Mr. Holiday started the election by nominating Rafe Dixon as the new Chairman for the Auctioneers' Commission.

After ensuring there were no other nominations, Mr. Dixon called for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made the motion to elect Rafe Dixon as the new Chairman for the Auctioneers' Commission. Mr. Burns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Following the motion electing Mr. Dixon as the new Chairman, Mr. Burns nominated Mr. Hope as the Vice-Chairman for the Auctioneers' Commission.

After ensuring there were no other nomination, Mr. Dixon called for a motion

MOTION: Mr. Burns made the motion to elect Mr. Hope as the new Vice-Chairman for the Auctioneers' Commission. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

13. Executive Session – Not needed.

14. Return to Public Session – Not needed.

15. Adjournment

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

MOTION: Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holiday seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Dixon, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the March 28, 2023 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission is **May 16, 2023.**