

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

10:00 a.m., May 16, 2023  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Tuesday, May 16, 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:**

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

**SCDLLR Staff Present:**

Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel  
James Kemfort, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Laura Smith, Administrator  
Wattie Wharton, Investigator

**Members of the Public:**

Christine, Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC  
Allen Brasington

**A. Public Notice**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made the motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Davey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**3. Introduction of Commission Members**

The Commission members introduced themselves.

**4. Approval of Minutes from the March 28, meeting**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the March 28, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Davey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**5. Chairperson's Remarks – Rafe Dixon**

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

**6. Administrator's Remarks – Laura Smith**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Smith informed the Commission that the cash balance on April 30, 2023 was \$509,648.93 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$130,837.31.

**7. Reports**

**A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) – James Kemfort**

Mr. Kemfort informed the commission that there was one formal complaint submitted. Mr. Holiday made the motion to accept the IRC Report. Mr. Burns seconded the motion.

**B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) – James Kemfort**

Mr. Kemfort presented the OIE report as information only. There were 2 complaints received between January 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023. There are no active investigations.

**C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) – James Kemfort**

Mr. Kemfort presented the March 15, 2023 ODC Report as information only: one open case, no pending hearings & agreements, and two closed since January 1, 2023.

**Application Hearing**

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

Allen Brasington presented his case to the board for reinstatement of his license.

After hearing questions or comments from the Commissioners, Mr. Dixon called for a motion to go into executive session.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made the motion to go into executive session. Mr. Hope seconded the motion.

Mr. Dixon then called a motion to leave executive session.

Mr. Burns made the motion to leave executive session. Mr. Holiday seconded the motion.

Further questions and concerns pursued before the board came to a conclusion.

Mr. Hope made the motion to deny the reactivation of Mr. Brasington's License. Mrs. Davey seconded the motion.

**8. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

9. **Executive Session** – Not needed.

10. **Return to Public Session** – Not needed.

11. **Adjournment**

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

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

Mr. Dixon, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the May 16, 2023 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 11:30 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission is **August 15, 2023.**