

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

10:00 a.m., May 21, 2024  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive  
Kingstree Building  
Columbia, SC 29210  
Low Country Conference Room

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Rafe Dixon, 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  
Matthew Holiday  
Gwen Bryant

**SCDLLR Staff Present:**

Tara Nixon - Advice Counsel  
Carolyn Sutherland - Advice Counsel  
Laura Smith - Board Executive  
Cory Griffin - Admin Coordinator  
Otis Richardson - Admin Assistant

**Members of the Public:**

Tina Behles - Court Reporter

**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.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**3. Introduction of Commission Members**

The Commission members introduced themselves.

**4. Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to excuse the absent Commission members, Lisa Davey and Bryan Hope. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2024 meeting**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

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

**7. Board Executive Remarks – Laura Smith**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Smith informed the Commission that the cash balance on April 30, 2024 was \$522,446.59 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$124,015.49.

**8. Reports**

**A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) – Robert Dean**

Mr. Dean presented the IRC report. Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the IRC report. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) – Robert Dean**

Mr. Dean presented the OIE report as information only. The Commission accepted this report as information.

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

Mrs. Bell presented the ODC Report as information only.

**9. Disciplinary Hearing- Case# 2023-7 & 2023-14**

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to defer Case 2023-14 to the next Commission meeting. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Closed Session:** 10:18 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Discussion of Case 2023-7.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to enter executive session. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** 11:34 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bryant, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to find the Respondent in Case #2023-7 in violation of 40-6-110 (A)(8) & 40-1-110 (1)(f), which prompted the proposal of permanent revocation. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**10. New Business**

None

**11. Public Comments**

None

**12. Executive Session**

None

**13. Adjournment**

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

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

Mr. Dixon, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the May 21, 2024 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 11:48 a.m.