

MINUTES
South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission
Meeting

10:00 a.m., November 12, 2024
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive
Kingstree Building
Columbia, SC 29210
Via WebEx

1. Meeting Called to Order

Rafe Dixon, Chairperson called the 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
Lisa Davey
Bryan Hope

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Laura Smith - Board Executive
Cory Griffin - Admin Coordinator
Otis Richardson - Admin Assistant
Carolyn Sutherland-OAC
Byron Ray-OIE
Robert Dean-OIE
Alexus Bell-ODC
Tori Smith-OIE
Tyler Livezey-Communications
Rosa Mckoy- OIE

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles - Court Reporter
Holli McGee Roberts – Director of SCAA
Jared McGaffee - Secretary/ Treasurer of SCAA
Glenn Hartshorn – President of SCAA

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: Mrs. Bryant made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Introduction of Commission Members

The Commission members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Excused Absences

All present

5. Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting

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

MOTION: Mrs. Davey made a motion to approve the August 13, 2024 minutes. Mrs. 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

Mrs. Smith informed the Commission that the cash balance on September 30, 2024 was \$481,851.72 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$127,864.31.

B. Licensing Numbers

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>INACTIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPRENTICE	2	0	2
AUCTIONEER	743	38	781
FIRMS	188	0	188
PENDING EXAM OR FURTHER DOCUMENTATION			9

8. Reports

A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) – Robert Dean

Mr. Dean presented the IRC report. The IRC recommendations include 1 dismissal, 1 cease and desist, and 1 formal complaint. Mrs. Davey made a motion to approve the IRC report. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Dean presented the OIE report as information only. Dean advised the Commission that

between January 1, 2024 and November 5, 2024 they have received 25 complaints. They have closed 20 cases and there are currently 2 active investigations. 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. Ms. Bell advised there is one open case, which is pending a disciplinary hearing or agreement. Since January 1, 2024, ODC has closed six cases. No cases have been closed since the last report on August 6, 2024. There are no appeals pending. The Commission accepted this report as information.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

SCAA made a presentation to request funds for the upcoming Auctioneer Convention February 23-25, 2025, in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The SC Auctioneer Association is seeking \$9,900 to promote auctioneer continuing education for the entirety of licensees per **§40-6-330(C)**. The SC Auctioneer Association is specifically seeking \$650 for printing and postage, \$5,750 for CE Instructor Costs, \$2,000 for meeting space.

Mr. Holiday requested LLR staff members Robbie Dean and Alexis Bell offer a presentation for licensees attending the Auctioneers Convention. Mr. Holiday requested staff present on the role of LLR, the Commission and how complaints are handled.

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the requested funds to be distributed from the recovery fund to SCAA for continuing education for auctioneers and allow two staff members and one public board member to attend the upcoming conference. Any presentation provided by LLR staff would constitute CE credit. Mr. Hope seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Public Comments

None

12. Executive Session (10:49a.m.-11:09a.m.)

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made a motion to enter executive session for legal advice regarding the parameters of Section 40-6-340. Laura Smith, board executive should be included in this executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hope, which carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Holiday made a motion to exit executive session, where no votes were taken. Mrs. Bryant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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 **November 12, 2024** meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 11:09 a.m.