

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

10:00 a.m., March 19, 2025  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive  
Kingstree Building  
Columbia, SC 29210  
LowCountry Conference Room

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Rafe Dixon, Chairperson called the meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

**Commission Members Present:**

Julian R. Dixon, Jr., Chairperson  
Matthew Holiday  
Gwen Bryant  
Lisa Davey-Via Webex  
Bryan Hope

**SCDLLR Staff Present:**

Laura Smith - Board Executive  
Cory Griffin - Admin Coordinator  
Otis Richardson - Admin Assistant  
Carolyn Sutherland-Office of Advice Counsel  
Byron Ray-Office of Investigation and Enforcement  
Alexis Bell-Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Brandy Duncan-Office of Advice Counsel

**Members of the Public:**

Tina Behles - Court Reporter  
William Wetmore, III

**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. Mrs. Bryant 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 February 11, 2025 meeting**

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

**MOTION:** Mrs. Bryant made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes. Mr. Holiday 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. New Business**

**The Estate of William Wetmore, Jr.**

**Hearing on a Claim against the Recovery Fund pursuant to Section 40-6-350**

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to award recovery fund claim to claimant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hope. Board members discussed the statutory parameters involving claims against the recovery fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hope made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of seeking legal advice. Ms. Duncan was included in executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holiday, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion to exit executive session, where no votes were taken. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hope, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hope made a motion to find the Claimant has met their burden of proving licensee is in violation of the Auctioneer Practice Act; that the claim against the recovery fund is based on multiple auctions; and that the claimant be awarded \$13,280 pursuant to Section 40-6-360. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holiday, which passed unanimously.

The Board reminded Complainant that in the even the Claimant is able to recover monetary damages from the licensee, the Auctioneer Recovery Fund must be reimbursed. Claimant acknowledged that he understood.

The Claimant thanked the Commission members for their time.

The Commission concluded the hearing and returned to the agenda.

**8. Public Comments**

None

## 9. Adjournment

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hope 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 **March 19, 2025** meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 11:31 a.m.