

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

10:00 a.m., May 13, 2025  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive  
Kingtree 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 10:01 a.m. A quorum noted as present. The meeting was held via teleconference.

**Commission Members Present:**

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

**SCDLLR Staff Present:**

Laura Smith - Board Executive  
Meredith Buttler- Program Director  
Cory Griffin - Admin Coordinator  
Otis Richardson - Admin Assistant  
Carolyn Sutherland-OAC  
Robert Dean-OIE  
Alexus Bell-ODC

**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, Kingtree 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 is being held via teleconference.

**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 March 19, 2025 meeting**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hope made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025 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 \$412,564.24 and the Recovery Fund balance was \$122,803.57.

**B. Licensing Numbers**

	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>ACTIVE IN RENEWAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APPRENTICE	1	0	1
AUCTIONEER	163	603	766
FIRMS	63	133	196
PENDING EXAM OR FURTHER DOCUMENTATION			16
INACTIVE			37

**8. Reports**

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

None

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

Mr. Dean presented the OIE report as information only. Mr. Dean advised the Commission that as of May 13, 2025 they have received 4 complaints. There is currently 1 active investigation, and 2 that are closed. 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 are 3

open cases, which 2 are pending a disciplinary hearing or agreement. The Commission accepted this report as information.

**9. Old Business**

None

**10. New Business**

**Update to the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Regulations Chapter 14**

Ms. Beeson spoke on the process of updating or adding regulations to the Auctioneer Commission.

**MOTION:** Mr. Holiday made a motion for Ms. Beeson to draft a notice for regulation updates. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davey, which carried unanimously.

**11. Public Comments**

None

**12. Executive Session**

None

**13. Adjournment**

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

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

Mr. Dixon, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the May 13, 2025 meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 10:42 a.m.

**Next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025.**