

MINUTES
South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m., November 28, 2018
Commission Meeting
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

1. Meeting Called to Order

Victor Avendano, Chairperson, of Mount Pleasant, called the regular meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:05 a.m. Other commissioners present for the meeting included: Matthew Holiday, Vice Chairperson, of Spartanburg via conference call; Joseph B. Burns, of Swansea; Michelle Pinkney, of Irmo; and Julian R. Dixon, Jr. of Sumter.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel; Donnell Jennings, Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Amy Holleman, Administrator; Norma McAllister, Program Assistant; Rodney Pigford, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, and Sharon Wolfe, retiring Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

No one from the public attended the meeting.

A. Public Notice

Mr. Avendano 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.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burns gave the invocation.

2. Introduction of Commission Members

The commission members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Excused Absences

All members of the Commission were present.

4. Approval of Minutes for the August 14, 2018 meeting

Mr. Avendano called for approval of the August 14, 2018 minutes. The Commission members reviewed the minutes recommending corrections of Mr. Marshall McAbee's name on page #3, and correcting the tense of the word "charge" to "charged" in paragraph #5 in the minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 minutes subject to the aforementioned corrections. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Chair's Remarks – Victor Avendano

Mr. Avendano thanked everyone for attending and thanked staff. He introduced and welcomed the new Commission member, Mr. Julian "Rafe" Dixon.

6. Presentation of Service Plaque to Jamison D. Marchant

Mr. Avendano informed the Commission Mr. Marchant, due to unforeseen circumstances, was unable to attend the meeting to receive his service plaque. He stated that Mr. Marchant expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the citizens of South Carolina and to work with the Commission staff.

7. Application Hearings

A. Bradley Wayne Plummer, Sr.

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that Mr. Plummer was unable to attend the meeting and request that he be placed on the March 2019 agenda. Mr. Avendano stated the hearing will be continue to the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Mr. Avendano moved item #9 next on the agenda.

8. Reports

A. Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report

Ms. Sharon Wolfe informed the Commission that she will be retiring at the end of the year and introduced Mr. Rodney Pigford, the new Chief Investigator. Mr. Pigford presented the IRC report, stating that as of November 19, 2018, there were three dismissed cases; one dismissal with a cease and desist letter; two formal complaints and one letter of caution.

On behalf of the Commission Mr. Avendano welcomed Mr. Pigford. Ms. Lewis, in consideration of the new Commission member explained the function, procedures, and process of the Investigative Review Committee.

Mr. Avendano called for a motion in this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Burns made a motion to accept the Investigative Review Committee's recommendations. Ms. Pinkney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) Report as of August 7, 2018

Mr. Rodney Pigford presented the OIE report as information only, that between January 1, 2018 and November 13, 2018 there were two active cases, two do not open cases and one closed case.

C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) Report as of August 7, 2018

Mr. Donnell Jennings presented the ODC Report as information only: one case pending a Consent Agreement, one case is pending a Memorandum of Agreement, one pending a hearing and one formal complaint. Mr. Jennings explained the function, procedures, and process of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

9. Administrator's Remarks – Amy Holleman

A. Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that the cash balance as of October 2018, was \$902,112.42. The Recovery Fund balance as of October 2018 was \$125,870.54.

Ms. Holleman asked that Mr. Avendano relay to Mr. Marchant the staff's appreciation for his service to the Commission. Ms. Holleman welcomed Mr. Dixon to the Commission.

Ms. Holleman informed the Commission that CE Broker has scheduled its live operation for the Commission to begin on December 3, 2018. Ms. Holleman stated that preceding the roll-out CE Broker will send a standard e-blast updating all licensees and approved continuing education sponsors with the upcoming changes.

10. Approval of Meeting Dates/Calendar for 2019

The Commission reviewed and discussed the tentative dates. Mr. Avendano called for a motion on the matter.

MOTION

Ms. Pinkney made a motion to approve the 2019 meeting dates. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The dates are as follows:

MONTH	DATE	ROOM
March	Tuesday, March 5, 2019	108
May	Tuesday, May 14, 2019	107 & 108
August	Tuesday, August 13, 2019	108
November	Tuesday, November 12, 2019	107 & 108

11. Public Comments (no votes taken)

There were no public comments.

12. Executive Session

13. Return to Public Session

14. Adjournment

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

MOTION

Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. Ms. Pinkney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Avendano, after ensuring there being no further business to discuss, adjourned the November 28, 2018, meeting of the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission at 10:28 a.m.

The next scheduled Commission meeting for the South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission is March 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Synergy Business Park, 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108, Columbia, South Carolina.