

MINUTES**NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD****JANUARY 16, 2009**

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Friday, January 16, 2009, in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Lloyd (Mickey) Meekins, Jr., Vice Chairperson Jesse G. Meeks, Yolanda Mason-Smith, William M. O'Neal and Keith J. Pierce. Also present: Administrative Assistant Teresa L. Watson and Garris Neil Yarborough, Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Meekins inquired of each member if there were any known conflicts of interest or an appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board during this meeting and each member indicated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2008, were approved as modified with the removal of the Probable Cause List on motion by Chairperson Meekins. Mr. Meekins further moved that approved Board Minutes be placed on the Board's website, www.ncalb.org, starting with the December 2008 Minutes. Member O'Neal seconded the motions which carried.

Next, Vice Chairperson Meeks and Construction Manager Floyd Taylor provided an update on real estate. Mr. Taylor advised that ground had been broken on the building site and that certain selections pertaining to the office building would have to be made regarding the selection of shingles and brick.

At this time, an update was provided by Investigator Dutko regarding absolute auction advertisements and the procedure process for non-responsive licensees which consists of a telephone call from Investigator Dutko giving the licensee a 48-hour time frame in which to submit a copy of their absolute auction contract. A "no response" from the licensee will generate a complaint.

Chairperson Meekins then led a discussion concerning Investigators Dutko and Southerland and their work schedules. **Chairperson Meekins moved that Investigator Dutko would be the “Chief Investigator” and in charge of the Investigative Section. He further moved that both Investigators would work on an “as needed” basis. Vice Chairperson Meeks seconded the motions which carried.**

The Board next considered the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations and the following motion was made. **Member O’Neal moved to accept the recommendations of the Probable Cause Subcommittee. Vice Chairperson Meeks seconded the motion which carried.** Member Pierce did not participate in the discussions nor did he vote on these matters involving the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee.

At this time, Board Counsel Yarborough led a discussion on firm license requirements and was instructed to continue his review of the Board’s Law and Regulations regarding firm license requirements and continue this discussion at the March 2009 Board meeting. Administrative Watson then led a discussion on “bid caller’s license” and informed the Board that 15 of the 18 states that North Carolina has reciprocity with had responded that their states do not have a “bid caller’s license.” No response has been received from the remaining three states. Next, Chairman Meekins led a discussion on the North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board’s Policies and Procedures and on job descriptions and duties for each employee and instructed Board Counsel Yarborough and Administrative Watson to work on putting into place a Policy and Procedure Manual for the Board and each employee.

Ms. Watson presented a request from Southeastern School of Auctioneering for consideration of the following new CE classes: 1) Five Forces of Competition in the Auction Industry; 2) The Auctioneer’s Bible – Section 2-328 of the UCC; and, 3) Auction Marketing in the

21st Century. Following review of the provided materials, **Vice Chairperson Meeks moved to approve the addition of the three new classes to Southeastern School of Auctioneer's CE list. Member Pierce seconded the motion which carried.** Also at this time, financial information concerning the individual month of December 2008 was reviewed by the Board.

Chairperson Meekins held a moment of silence for former Board Member, Ernie Curlee, who passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2009. Also at this time, Mr. Meekins instructed staff to change the Board's security code and password for staff and cleaning personnel as soon as possible in February 2009 and to be prepared at the April 13, 2009 Board meeting to discuss personnel salaries.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board made the decision to cancel the February 2, 2009 meeting and schedule a telephone conference on February 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. originating from the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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