

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

JANUARY 14, 2011

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Friday, January 14, 2011, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, North Carolina, in conjunction with the 2011 Winter Convention of the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Keith J. Pierce, Vice Chairperson William B. Lilly, Randy B. Lee and Jesse G. Meeks. Also present: Executive Director Teresa L. Watson and Garris Neil Yarborough, Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Pierce 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 13, 2010, were approved as recorded on motion by Vice Chairperson Lilly. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Next, Director Watson provided a case log update.

At this time Board Counsel Yarborough gave instructions to the Board regarding their rendering of the Final Agency Decision concerning Thomas Michael Maratta, Auctioneer Applicant. Following Mr. Yarborough's instructions, **Member Lee moved to adopt the Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law submitted by Board Counsel and deny Mr. Maratta's application for auctioneer license. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Vice Chairperson Lilly did not participate in the discussion nor did he vote on this matter due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee.

Director Watson then presented "Initial Application for Course and Sponsor for Continuing Education" for North Carolina Auctioneer Association. Following this presentation, **Member Meeks**

moved to accept the application for North Carolina Auctioneer Association. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried.

Next, Ms. Watson presented a request from Southeastern School of Auctioneering for consideration for approval of two new CE courses. Following a review of the provided materials from Southeastern School of Auctioneering, **Member Meeks moved to approve the new CE courses, “Ethics and the Auctioneer” and “SC Auction Law.” Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Director Watson then presented a request from East Coast School of Auctioneering for consideration for approval of new CE Courses. Following a review of the provided materials from East Coast School of Auctioneering, **Member Meeks moved to approve the new CE courses, “Create an Online Auction Business,” “Registration,” “Opening Online Account” and “Auctioneers Due Diligence Course.” Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Watson led a discussion regarding the newly imposed budget management restrictions for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Following a discussion on this matter, **Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to continue scheduled Board Meetings with the understanding that reimbursement will be restricted. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Ms. Watson then led a discussion regarding the “Rules Modification and Improvement Program” as outlined in Executive Order No. 70. Following a discussion on this matter, the following motions were made: **Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to “study further” the subject of online auctions. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Vice Chairperson Lilly further moved that “no further action be taken” regarding background check and fingerprint requirements. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried**

unanimously.

Next, financial information concerning the individual month of December 2010 was reviewed by the Board and discussion was held regarding new budget procedures beginning July 1, 2011. Member Lee also discussed Board restructuring in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the next meeting as Monday, February 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Watson
Executive Director