

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

December 13, 2021

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, December 13, 2021 in the Fuquay-Varina Office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman Buck Lattimore, Vice Chairman Dan DeVane, Willie A. Johnson, Melinda Q. Porter, and T. Kyle Swicegood. Also, present were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl, and Administrative Officer Becky Stewart.

Chairman Lattimore inquired of each member if there were any known conflicts of interest or any appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board during this meeting. Vice Chairman DeVane recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause recommendations due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. Other members stated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2021 were reviewed, and a minor revision was noted. **Vice Chairman DeVane made a motion to approve the minutes with the revision. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, the Board considered the Probable Cause Report. **Member Swicegood made a motion to approve item #1 on the Probable Cause Report. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Member Johnson made a motion to approve item #2 on the Probable Cause Report. Member Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Prior to the motions or any discussion, Vice Chairman DeVane had recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting.

Then, Director Diehl reported on the staff informal investigations and advertising violations

for the month of November. There were zero (0) informal investigations and one (1) ad violation. There are no formal complaints currently under investigation.

At this time Director Diehl provided the results of the December 2, 2021 auctioneer examination, which were as follows: seventeen (17) examinees with eleven (11) passing and six (6) failing.

Next, Director Diehl presented the financial report. **Member Porter made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of November. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Under Other Business, Director Diehl reported that additional clarification was needed on a matter from last month's meeting concerning continuing education. **Member Swicegood made a motion to grant authority to the AANC to use National Auctioneers Association program speakers and out-of-state speakers and programs that are already approved in other auction license states, to be pre-approved by the Board's staff for CE. Vice Chairman DeVane second the motion, which carried unanimously.**

At this time, Chairman Lattimore requested that the Board go into Closed Session to consider personnel issues, specifically the NC state budget S.L. 2021-180 enacted regarding compensation of 2.5% salary increase for most employees, retroactive to July 1, 2021, along with the \$1000 and \$1500 bonus structure. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:20 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:50 a.m. **Member Swicegood made a motion to increase the salaries of NCALB employees Charles F. Diehl and Rebecca J. Stewart by 3.5%, retroactive to July 1, 2021, and to authorize the one-time bonuses of \$1,500 for Rebecca J. Stewart and \$1,000 for Charles F. Diehl pursuant to S.L. 2021-180. Member Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Charles Diehl and Rebecca Stewart thanked the Board.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the

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next regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office. There will be an Administrative Hearing.

Member Swicegood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman DeVane seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9.53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart
Administrative Officer