

**MINUTES**

**NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD**

**January 11, 2021**

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, January 11, 2021 by video conference due to Executive Orders limiting mass gatherings, which were issued to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Members participating were Chairman Lisa D. York, Vice Chairman Buck Lattimore, Willie A. Johnson, Allison H. Pant, and Dan DeVane. Also participating were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl, Administrative Officer Becky Stewart, and Special Deputy Attorney General Anne Brown with the NC Department of Justice.

Chairman York 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. Member DeVane recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause recommendation on item 1 due to his participation in the first of two Probable Cause Subcommittee meetings. Vice Chairman Lattimore recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause recommendation on item 2 due to his participation in the second of two Probable Cause Subcommittee meetings. Other members stated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2020 were reviewed. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Director Diehl reported on the staff investigations and ad violations for the month of December. There are two (2) active formal complaint cases currently under investigation, which have not been presented to Probable Cause at this time.

At this time, the NC Ethics Commission's Evaluations of Statements of Economic Interest

filed by members Lisa York, Buck Lattimore, and Allison Pant were reviewed and verbally presented by Chairman York and Executive Director Diehl to be recorded in the meeting minutes pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 138A-15(c). Vice Chairman Lattimore reported that he had advised the NC State Ethics Commission to update his information. Board Members were reminded that the filing due date for their 2021 SEI statements is April 15, 2021. Director Diehl will provide the Board Members ethics training information, including their individual ethics training deadline dates.

At this time, Director Diehl presented the financial report. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of December. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, the Board considered the Probable Cause Report. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the applicant for a license on item 1 on the Probable Cause Report. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Member Pant made a motion to approve the Probable Cause Report recommendation on item 2. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Member DeVane (item 1) and Vice Chairman Lattimore (item 2) had rescued themselves prior to any discussions or votes on the referenced items in the Probable Cause Report due to their participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meetings.

Then, Executive Director Diehl presented for the Board's consideration proposed additions for Southeastern School of Auctioneering: new instructor "*Lynne Balentine – Antiques;*" and a new supplemental course and instructor "*Photography: Taking Quality Pictures for your Auction Business – Nathan Whitworth.*" **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the new additions to Southeastern School of Auctioneering. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl presented information from Southeastern School of Auctioneering's request for approval of Online Classes/Distance Learning due to COVID-19 for a February 20 - 27, 2021 session. This session is like the November online classes/distance learning session previously approved by the Board during the October meeting. **Member DeVane made a motion to authorized schools that have already been temporarily approved for an online/distance learning/hybrid pre-license auctioneer education curriculum due to COVID-19 concerns to continue to utilize those programs until July 1, 2021. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Chairman York acknowledged Nathan Eugene Lehman's application for an auctioneer license, which had been listed on the Probable Cause Report. Member DeVane had rescued himself prior to any discussion or vote on the application referenced in that Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the application for an auctioneer license. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Chairman York acknowledged Madalyn Victoria Rogers's application for an auctioneer license and Global Citizens Team, LLC's application for an auction firm license. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the applications for an auctioneer license and an auction firm license. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The Board confirmed the next regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held by video conference. **Member Pant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

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The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart  
Administrative Officer