

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

March 8, 2021

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, March 8, 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 10:03 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 Bill Forbes, a member of the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina Board of Directors. Special Deputy Attorney General Anne Brown with the NC Department of Justice was unable to participate due to an emergency.

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. Vice Chairman Lattimore 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 February 8, 2021 were reviewed. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

At this time, the Board reviewed the Consideration of Continuing Education Proposal. Mr. Bill Forbes answered questions and addressed concerns from the Board. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to form a subcommittee to study the continuing education program and provide a proposal to the Board.** The motion failed due to lack of a second. **Member**

DeVane made a motion to not grant the emergency authority requested in Mr. Forbes' proposal for the Executive Director to approve continuing education courses, for the Executive Director to investigate potential online continuing education courses, investigate courses offered by the Small Business Centers with the N.C. Community Colleges, investigate partnering with real estate continuing education providers, and bring findings to the Board. Vice Chairman Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Then, Director Diehl reported on the staff informal investigations and advertising violations for the month of February. Additionally, there is one (1) active formal complaint case currently under investigation, and one (1) case that is being considered today from the Probable Cause Report.

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

At this time, Director Diehl presented the financial report. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of February. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Director Diehl reported that there is known potential exposure to the recovery fund of approximately \$637.00 regarding the Franklin Auction Company matter, in addition to what has already been distributed to verified claimants.

Member DeVane had to leave the meeting at this time due to a previously scheduled appointment.

Next, Director Diehl presented for consideration the Application for Prior Approval for Reimbursement of Continuing Education Expenses for the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina June 2021 Convention. **Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Application for Prior**

Approval for Reimbursement of Continuing Education Expenses for the AANC June 2021 Convention up to \$8,100.00, subject to verification by staff. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Then, Director Diehl presented for the Board's consideration new continuing education courses and instructors for the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina (AANC): "*Get Your Auction Business Online with Google*" – Melanie Diehl, "*Email Marketing for Your Auction Business*" – Melanie Diehl, "*Facebook Marketing for Your Auction Business*" – Melanie Diehl, "*7 Super Fundraising Revenue Streams*" – Michael Parker and Matthew Parker, "*10 Super Event Evaluations*" – Michael Parker and Matthew Parker, "*6 Super Fundraising Auction Packages*" – Michael Parker and Matthew Parker, "*How Can I Ever Thank You?*" – Michael Parker and Matthew Parker, and "*Benefit Auctions v. Commercial Auctions*" – Michael Parker and Matthew Parker. Director Diehl clarified that he does not know Melanie Diehl, and is not related to her. **Member Johnson made a motion to approve the new continuing education courses and instructors for the AANC. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl presented for the Board's consideration a new continuing education course and instructor for Carolina Auction Academy (Stanly Community College) and the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina (AANC): "*An Introduction to Coins & Bullion for Auctioneers*" – Jess Ross. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to approve the new continuing education course and instructor for Carolina Auction Academy and the AANC. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Director Diehl provided a report on the NCALB funded continuing education program. Each member had been provided a course list. The courses are posted on the AANC's website and the Board's website.

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At this time, Director Diehl reminded each Board member that their Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) is due by April 15. This is due every year. Director will send a link regarding the SEI information to the Board members.

Chairman York acknowledged the applicants Jody Hawes Dorsey, Michael Dale Harris, Alexander Stanku for auctioneer licenses, and Flea Body's LLC and Heavner Auction Company, LLC for auction firm licenses. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to approve the applicants for auctioneer licenses and auction firm licenses. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Then, Chairman York acknowledged applicant Joseph Victor Panico for an auctioneer license which had been listed on the Probable Cause Report. Vice Chairman Lattimore had rescued himself prior to any discussion or vote on the applicant referenced in the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. **Member Johnson made a motion to approve the applicant for an auctioneer license. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The Board confirmed the next regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held by video conference. **Vice Chairman Lattimore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart
Administrative Officer