

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

May 10, 2021

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, May 10, 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 Vice Chairman Buck Lattimore, Willie A. Johnson, Allison Pant, and Dan DeVane. Also participating were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl, Administrative Officer Becky Stewart, Special Deputy Attorney General Anne Brown with the NC Department of Justice, and Bill Forbes, a member of the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina Board of Directors. Chairman Lisa D. York was not able to participate.

Vice Chairman Lattimore presided over the meeting due to Chairman York's absence. Vice 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. Member DeVane recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause recommendation due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. Other members stated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2021 were reviewed. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl reported on the staff informal investigations and advertising violations for the month of April. There were no informal investigations and two (2) ad violations.

At this time, the Board considered the Probable Cause Report. **Member Johnson made a**

motion to approve the Probable Cause Report. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Prior to the motion or any discussion, Member DeVane had recused himself from consideration of the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting.

Then, Director Diehl presented the financial report. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of April. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl presented for Consideration the Approval of Applications for Course and Sponsor Renewal for Continuing Education for the following: (a) All Star Training, Inc.; (b) At Home Prep; (c) Auctioneers Association of North Carolina (AANC); (d) Cornerstone-edu.com – new courses – *Dealing with Difficult People in Negotiations (3 hours), and Business Ethics During a Pandemic (3 hours)*; (e) Dick Norwood Real Estate Seminars; (f) Easylr24 Online Training School, Inc; (g) Nashville Auction School, LLC; (h) National Auctioneers Association; (i) Southeastern School of Auctioneering; and (j) Stanly Community College - Carolina Auction Academy. **Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Applications for Course and Sponsor Renewal for Continuing Education. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Director Diehl presented for the Board's consideration the Auction School Renewal Application for Western College of Auctioneering. **Member DeVane made a motion to approve the Auction School Renewal Application. Member Pant seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl presented information from Southeastern School of Auctioneering requesting an extension from June 30, 2021 through the end of 2021 for temporary approval of online classes/distance learning due to COVID-19. **Member DeVane made a motion to extend**

authorization of temporary approval for all three (3) schools who had previously requested approval for online classes/distance learning for the pre-license auctioneer education from June 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Then, Director Diehl reported that the Board's approval for curriculum and instructors for Mendenhall School of Auctioneering expires on May 13, 2021, and the Board has not received a renewal application from the school.

Next, Vice Chairman Lattimore reported that Wake Technical Community College wishes to establish an Auction School Program. They are currently reviewing the process and course curriculum to ensure compliance. An application seeking approval should be coming soon. Director Diehl reported that Rockingham Community College in Wentworth, NC remains approved, but they have not held any classes yet.

At this time, Director Diehl reported that staff received an email from the AANC requesting consideration of a new course and instructor for Board approval at today's meeting: "*Stand Your Ground – Michael Goodwin.*" The short-notice request was made due to one of the AANC convention speakers having to cancel. **Member Johnson made a motion to approve the new course and instructor for AANC. Member DeVane seconded the motion.** A discussion was held. Director Diehl read the outline of the course, including instructor's credentials. Member Johnson withdrew his motion to approve the new course and instructor application for the AANC. Member DeVane withdrew his second to the motion. **Member Pant made a motion to deny approval for course and instructor for auctioneer continuing education credit. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Diehl provided a report on the NCALB funded continuing education program. The program concluded with the last live session on May 5, 2021 in Durham, and a Zoom session on

May 6, 2021 for those who were unable to attend a live session. Director Diehl attended all of the live sessions, except Fayetteville. Member DeVane attended the Fayetteville CE event, and briefly addressed the participants on behalf of the Board.

At this time, Bill Forbes was recognized and addressed the Board concerning the funded CE program that was developed, presented, and managed by the AANC. The financial proposal submitted by the AANC and agreed to by the NCALB included a funding level sufficient to cover additional technological and staffing costs that would be needed if in-person presentations ended up either not being allowed or not feasible due to pandemic concerns. Conditions proved to allow the regular in-person presentations at all nine (9) CE locations. Mr. Forbes offered to reduce the amount that would be owed to the AANC by NCALB for the CE program from \$2,500 to \$2,000 for each location. The \$10 per attendee fee would remain the same. **Member DeVane made a motion to accept the \$2,000 fee for the nine (9) locations plus the \$10 fee for each attendee. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** The Board Members thanked Mr. Forbes and the AANC.

Next, Vice Chairman Lattimore acknowledged applicant Scott Marvin Freeman 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 applicant referenced in the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the applicant for an auctioneer license. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Then, Vice Chairman Lattimore acknowledged the applicants Elmer R. Yoder and Marshal Keith Tingle for auctioneer licenses, and Vasquez Realty Group LLC and RE50 LLC for auction firm licenses. **Member Pant made a motion to approve the applicants for auctioneer licenses and auction firm licenses. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

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The Board confirmed the next regular meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. It will be decided later if the meeting will be held live or by video conference.

Member DeVane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart
Administrative Officer