

**MINUTES**

**NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD**

**December 9, 2024**

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, December 9, 2024 in the Fuquay-Varina Office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman Dan DeVane, Vice Chair Melinda Porter, and Buck Lattimore. Members Kyle Swicegood and John Harris participated by phone. Also, present were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl and Administrative Officer Becky Stewart.

Chairman DeVane 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 Lattimore recused himself from the Consideration of the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. Other members stated there were none.

**Vice Chair Porter made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Member Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Chairman DeVane requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 3 – Review of Report from Probable Cause Subcommittee, Recovery Fund Claim *In Re: Brian Mangual*, to discuss matters of potential litigation, and to receive advise from counsel.

**Vice Chair Porter made a motion to go into Executive Session. Member Swicegood seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** The Board went into Executive Session at 9:04 a.m.

**Member Lattimore made a motion to return to Open Session. Member Swicegood seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** The Board returned to Open Session at 9:20 a.m. **Vice Chair Porter made a motion to accept the recommendations from the**

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

Director Diehl reported on the staff investigations and advertising violations for the month of November. There are currently no formal complaints under investigation. There were two informal investigations and one ad violation.

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

Director Diehl presented for consideration the Application for Prior Approval for Reimbursement of Continuing Education Expenses for the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina (AANC) January 2025 Convention. **Member Swicegood made a motion to approve the Application for Prior Approval for Reimbursement of Continuing Education Expenses for the AANC January 2025 Convention up to \$6,850.00 subject to verification by staff. Member Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Director Diehl provided the results of the December 5, 2024 auctioneer examination, which were as follows: 21 examinees with 19 passing and 2 failing.

Director Diehl presented for Consideration a proposed online delivery method from Carolina Auction Academy – Stanly Community College of its 96-hour Auction School Program. The Program will continue to be hybrid with an increase in the online portion. **Member Lattimore made a motion to accept the proposed online delivery method for Carolina Auction Academy. Vice Chair Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Also, Member Lattimore reported that Wake Tech Auction Academy will start its classes in March instead of January and they anticipate offering a hybrid delivery method.

The Board reviewed the applications for licensing.

Under Other matters, Director Diehl requested if the Board members preferred to have their mileage reimbursement direct deposited or continue to receive a check. If so, please let staff know and provide a cancelled check or deposit slip. He also gave a follow-up report on the 50-year licensee recognition. Plaques have been shipped or delivered, except one, which will be delivered soon, and press releases were sent to local newspapers for each recipient.

At this time the Board went into recess at 9:40 a.m. in preparation for NCGS 93B Training for the Board members. The Board returned from recess at 9:50 a.m.

Ms. Sondra C. Panico, Special Duty Attorney General with the NC Department of Justice was welcomed. Ms. Panico provided the NCGS 93B Training. The training concluded at 10:50 a.m.

**Member Lattimore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart  
Administrative Officer