

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

February 10, 2025

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, February 10, 2025 in the Fuquay-Varina Office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman Dan DeVane, Buck Lattimore and Kyle Swicegood. Vice Chair Melinda Porter and Member John Harris participated by phone. Also, present were Executive Director Charles F. Diehl, Administrative Officer Becky Stewart, and Mr. Dorian Woolaston, Special Deputy Attorney General with the NC Department of Justice.

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 Swicegood recused himself from the Consideration of the Probable Cause Report due to his participation in the Probable Cause Subcommittee meeting. He also recused himself from approval of an Apprentice to Auctioneer License Application because he was the Supervising Auctioneer. Other members stated there were none.

Member Lattimore made a motion to approve the January 13, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Member Swicegood seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman DeVane recognized Director Diehl regarding Agenda item 3. **Vice Chair Porter made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 3 – Review of Report from Probable Cause Subcommittee, to discuss matters of potential litigation, and to receive advice from counsel. Member Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** The Board went into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

Member Lattimore made a motion to return to Open Session. Member Harris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board returned to Open Session at

9:15 a.m. **Member Lattimore made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Probable Cause Report. Vice Chair Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.** Prior to the motion or any discussion, Member Swicegood 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 January. There are currently two formal complaints under investigation. There were two informal investigations and four ad violations.

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

Director Diehl presented for Consideration a New Continuing Education Course for the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina (AANC), *A-B-C's of Your Firearm Business (2 hrs.) – Josh Loewensteiner* (already approved instructor). **Member Swicegood made a motion to approve the new continuing education course for the AANC. Vice Chair Porter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Director Diehl presented for Consideration New Instructors for Stanly Community College – Carolina Auction Academy, *Tamara Beaver and Robert Bucky Hathcock*. **Member Swicegood made a motion to approve the new instructors for Carolina Auction Academy. Member Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

Director Diehl provided the results of the February 6, 2025 auctioneer examination, which were as follows: 9 examinees with 6 passing and 3 failing.

The Board reviewed the applications for licensing.

Chairman DeVane confirmed the next regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at

9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office.

Member Swicegood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Lattimore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky J. Stewart
Administrative Officer