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**John Hardesty**, General Counsel  
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**April 14 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A Meeting of the Board of Auctioneers was held via video teleconferencing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 under the special meetings provisions as set forth in KRS 61.823 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cliff-Ed Irvin  
Gregory Johnson  
Ronald Kirby Jr.  
Danny Ray Ford

#### **KENTUCKY REAL ESTATE AUTHORITY**

Tatum A. Herrington, Board Administrator  
John L. Hardesty, General Counsel  
Robert Astorino, Executive Director  
Brian Travis, Investigator  
Hannah Carlin, Licensing Coordinator/Records Custodian

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND GUEST WELCOME**

Board Chair Irvin called a meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers to order at 9:02 A.M. Members Irvin, Johnson, Kirby, and Ford were present and a quorum was established.

#### **Board Administrator Introduction**

Tatum Herrington, who is temporarily acting as the Board Administrator for the Board of Auctioneers, introduced herself to the Board.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Member Ford made a motion to approve the March Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by member Johnson. With all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Executive Director Comments**

KREA Executive Director Robert Astorino addressed the Board and stated the Board has had a seamless transition in staff leadership. Mr. Astorino also addressed COVID guidelines, and stated licensees need to ensure these guidelines are carried out.

### **New Business/Old Business/Miscellaneous Matters**

- **March 26<sup>th</sup> Exam**

The most recent auctioneer's exam took place March 26, 2021. Seventeen (17) took the exam. Out of those seventeen (17), fourteen (14) passed, and three (3) failed.

- **In Person Continuing Education**

Board Administrator Tatum Herrington mailed out CE flyers from Kentucky Auction Academy and Kentucky Auction Educators to licensees without internet.

- **Online Testing Update**

The goal for online testing is to have the online portal by the end of the second quarter. The online testing application is currently being developed, and once ready it will be tested.

- **Correspondence from Rylan Shea**

Board Chair Irvin reads a correspondence written to the Board from Rylan Shea. Mr. Shea was previously licensed in Kentucky, and is now licensed in Tennessee and Texas. Board Chair Irvin tells Mr. Shea he can apply for a reciprocal license in Kentucky.

### **Legal Update**

KREA General Counsel John Hardesty gave the following report:

Mr. Hardesty stated there are currently a couple of complaints that need to be worked on. Mr. Hardesty also stated Brian Travis, KBA investigator, had created a Facebook account to notify Facebook auctions that are not legal. The Facebook account was shut down, most likely due to an individual reporting the account.

### **Investigation Report**

KBA Investigator, Brian Travis, stated he was initially having success using the Facebook account, but was shut down for not following community standards. Mr. Travis told the Board he has requested a review from Facebook regarding the account shutdown, and has not heard anything back yet. Board Chair Irvin stated Facebook is allowing illegal activity to take place. Member Johnson suggested writing a letter to Facebook or recreating the account. General Counsel John Hardesty stated the Board should wait for Facebook's review of the page before further action is taken.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Member Kirby made a motion to adjourn the meeting with member Ford seconding the motion. All in favor, the motion carried. With no further business to discuss, Board Chair Irvin adjourned the meeting at 10:28 A.M.

**I, Robert Astorino, Executive Director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority, have reviewed and pursuant to KRS 324B.060, have Approved the expenditures of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers as described in these attached minutes.**

**Meeting Date: April 14, 2021.**

**I have not reviewed, nor did I participate in discussions, deliberations, or decisions regarding, the actions of the Board as it relates to individual disciplinary matters, investigations, or applicant reviews.**



**Robert Astorino, KREA Executive Director**

**Date: May 12, 2021**