



KENTUCKY BOARD OF AUCTIONEERS
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021
Video Conference Meeting
Motions denoted by *

Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin called the meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers to order at 9:04 A.M. E.T.

PRESENT

Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin, Board members Ron Kirby Jr, Danny Ford, Greg Johnson, Clarence Yancey, Executive Director Robert Astorino, General Counsel John Hardesty, Investigator Brian Travis, and Administrative Coordinator Lavonne Bowling.

MINUTES

- *The minutes of January 13, 2021 were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Ron Kirby Jr.

DIRECTOR ASTORINO

- Director Astorino addressed the board concerning COVID-19 issues and announced the board administrator position, which is being vacated at the end of March, would be filled by PPC administration. The discussion turned to the progress of the exam conversion to an online format. The technical team is projecting a sixty-day completion time frame. Then the discussion turned to finding a short-term solution for the current exam applicants, some have been waiting since October 2020 to sit for an auctioneer exam. Director Astorino is meeting with PPC legal to discuss the urgency of our need and to search for a solution.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- Board Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin led a lengthy discussion on the need for in-person continuing education class availability due to the numerous licensees who do not have access to online education classes. The main concern is the number of licensees who may lose their licenses due to their inability to obtaining the required education. The board has been contacted by an approved education provider in regards to this issue. This issue also requires communication with PPC and Public Health Department due to concerns regarding public safety during the pandemic.
- Email notices are to go out reminding licensees to obtain their education as soon as possible.

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- *On a motion from Ron Kirby Jr seconded by Danny Ford with a unanimous vote, Drew Williams must complete the auction core course and retake the apprentice exam.
- *On a motion from Greg Johnson seconded by Ron Kirby Jr with a unanimous vote, Joseph Edwards must complete an 80-hour auction course from one of the approved providers then he may send a completed exam application to sit for the apprentice exam.
- * On a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Greg Johnson with a unanimous vote, Mark Puryear must complete the auction core course and twelve (12) additional hours of continuing education. He may then submit a completed application to sit for the principal exam.
- *On a motion from Greg Johnson seconded by Danny Ford with a unanimous vote, David Towe must complete the auction core course and twelve (12) additional hours of continuing education. He may then send a completed application to sit for the principal exam.
- Renewal reminders for the delinquent 2020 and the current 2021 renewal period are to go out to email addresses and reminders added to the website for renewal and education deadlines.
- Chair Irvin announced that his term will expire October 31st. The KAA will submit a list to Governor Beshear for his replacement.

INVESTIGATIONS/LEGAL UPDATES

- Investigator Travis and General Counsel Hardesty relayed information on the difficulties involved regarding facebook auction investigations. Many Facebook auction sites require a connection using a personal account and there are many who will only allow private groups to connect to their sites. This makes it very difficult to obtain contact information. Investigator Travis reported on numerous Facebook sites he has been able to contact, some do not realize they need a license and are willing to cease operating, some are persistent violators and do not intend to stop operating.
- General Counsel Hardesty explained SB150 as it pertains to licensing during COVID-19. A license cannot be cancelled for failure to pay the renewal fee during the pandemic. There are approximately 160 licenses that have not been renewed for 2020 as of today's date.

LEGAL

- *In accordance with the requirements of KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j) the Board went into closed session at 10:24 A.M. on a motion from Ron Kirby Jr seconded by Clarence Yancey with a unanimous vote.
- *The board returned to open session at 10:30 A.M. on a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Clarence Yancey with a unanimous vote.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

- The next board meeting is on the calendar for April 14th.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 10:47 A.M. E.T. on a motion from Clarence Yancey seconded by Ron Kirby Jr, all in favor.

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

Meeting Date 1/13/2021.

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 _____