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## PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET

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**August 10, 2022**  
**9:30 A.M.**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A Meeting of the Board of Auctioneers was held via zoom, August 10, 2022, in Frankfort, KY.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ronald Kirby, Jr.  
Gregory Johnson  
Bill Patrick  
Danny Ray Ford  
GeMonee Brown

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

Robert Astorino, Executive Director  
Molly B. Cassady, General Counsel  
Pam Samples, Board Coordinator  
Hannah Carlin, Deputy Exec. Director  
Rene Rogers, Staff Attorney  
Aaliyah Boller, Intern

#### **PUBLIC**

Sheila Yancey  
Clarence Yancey, Jr.

#### **Call to Order:**

- Board Chair Kirby called a meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers to order at 9:37 A.M. Members Kirby, Johnson, Ford, Patrick, and Brown were present, and a quorum was established.

#### **Moment of silence and remembrance of Clarence Yancey:**

- A moment of silence was taken by all in honor and remembrance of Board member Clarence Yancey. Chairman Kirby stated that Mr. Yancey had served a combined 18 years on the Board. Chairman Kirby and other members talked about how dedicated Mr. Yancey was to the Board and his community. They shared a few stories and said how much he will be missed by not only the board but his community. Everyone gave their condolences to his wife Sheila and son Clarence Jr.

#### **Swearing in of new Board member, GeMonee Brown:**

- Chairman Kirby gave the Oath to Mr. Brown, and all welcomed him to the Board.

### **Approval of the June 2022 Meeting Minutes:**

- Member Johnson made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022, board meeting minutes. Member Ford seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **Executive Director Comments:**

- Director Robert Astorino addressed the Board and welcomed new Board member, GeMonee Brown. Director talked about how our partnership with KCTCS who are proctoring our exams have helped get more people licensed and he is seeing a younger generation getting into the profession. Director spoke about the Common Ground initiative program for getting educators in all boards to create education classes that can be taken by licensees from all the boards under KREA. So far, several educators have been approved by certain boards, but no one had submitted the classes to the other boards.

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

- **Proctored exams through KCTCS:**

Board Coordinator Pam Samples stated that since the last update on June 8, 2022, 9 people have since taken the exam in the month of June and out of those, 7 people had passed the exam and 2 had failed. In July 2022, 7 people had taken the exam, 5 passed and 2 failed. So far in August we had 3 people take the exam, 1 passed and 2 failed. We have a total of 64 people that have signed up to take the exam since January. At this time, we have more people registered to take the exam in the near future.

- **Contract update:**

The new two-year contract with KCTCS was signed by both parties and is for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024.

- **2022 Renewal update:**

Board Coordinator, Pam Samples, told the Board members that 1,443 licensees had renewed, and 137 licensees had not renewed. Ms. Samples stated she has sent out two email reminders to licensees that had not renewed as they are now in Inactive-Non-Renewal status until they pay or until December 31, 2022, in which the licenses will become expired. More email reminders will go out to people that have not renewed in the future, as these reminders have prompted licensees to renew.

- **Board suggestions on ways to increase awareness of the auction profession:**

Chairman Kirby talked about the need to reach out to others to get them interested in the profession and asked the board members if they had any suggestions on how to do this. Member Johnson stated he would reach out to Davin Smith, President of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association to coordinate a breakout session at the next convention to get the input of their officers and members. Member Ford mentioned reaching out to the educators to get their input and Chairman Kirby said he would do that. Member Ford also asked about reaching out to see if

it was possible for students to use their KEES education money towards paying for the pre-licensing auction school. Member Brown said he would research why more people do not go into this profession and asked how the process works and the expense of getting licensed.

- **Exam questions and study guide:**

Chairman Kirby stated he had spoken to some educators about wanting to make sure they were teaching the correct information in the pre-licensing classes. He has been looking through the questions on the exams and would like the board members to look at the study guide to see if they see anything that needs to be updated.

**Move for Board to enter executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.815 and KRS 61.810 (c) and (j) to discuss proposed or pending litigation and deliberate on individual adjudications:**

- The Board did not move into executive session.

**Legal update:**

- General Counsel Cassady informed the board members that she would be transferring to another division at the PPC as their General Counsel. She stated that August Pozgay had been chosen to take her place.
- General Counsel Cassady introduced the new Staff Attorney, Rene Rogers to the board members. Ms. Rogers spoke to the members about her experience and her eagerness to work with the board.
- Member Johnson asked if the statutes and regulations were being looked at for further changes that need to be made. Ms. Cassady stated that with the addition of the new staff attorney this would be given more attention to see what needed to be updated and changed.

**Meetings for 2022**

- September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. Chairman Kirby states that all meetings are subject to change and in the past, we have combined the November and December meetings due to the holiday schedule.

**Approval of Timesheets:**

- Member Ford made a motion to approve timesheets, and Member Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

**Meeting Adjournment**

- Member Ford made a motion to adjourn, and Member Johnson seconded the motion. With no further business to discuss, Board Chairman Kirby 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: August 10, 2022.**

**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: August 21, 2022**