

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Auctioneers' Commission**  
**Meeting**

10:00 a.m., February 27, 2012  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

**NOTE:** These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Commission and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Commission's website: [www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/auctioneers](http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/auctioneers).

**Meeting Called to Order**

James Blocker, chairman, of Walterboro, called the regular meeting of the Auctioneers' Commission to order at 10:08 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Matthew Holiday, of Spartanburg; Victor Avendano, of Mt. Pleasant; Michelle Pinkney, of Irmo; and Joseph Burns, of Swansea.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sheridan Spoon, Assistant General Counsel; Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; and DeLeon Andrews, OIE Investigator.

**Public Notice**

Mr. Blocker announced that public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Auctioneer's Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

All members were present.

**Approval of the November 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the November 28, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Avendano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – James Blocker**

Mr. Blocker welcomed new member, Joseph Burns, and stated former board member, Wendell Christopher would be missed. He recognized past president of the South Carolina Auctioneer's Association, Mike Harper; Darron Meares, and other visitors.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles**

Mrs. Addison-Miles reminded commission members that meeting materials contained confidential information and at the end of the meeting they should leave the materials for proper disposal by staff. Members were provided information regarding the December 2, 2011 auctioneer examination, the January 2012 cash balance report, and the number of active

licensees. Members were reminded to file Statement of Economic Interest forms prior to April 15, 2012.

DeLeon Andrews, Investigator, presented the OIE case report.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

#### Review/Approval of Application via Examination

*Thomas Lynwood Laws*

Mr. Laws appeared before the Commission to give an explanation regarding his credit report.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to take this matter under advisement in executive session. Mr. Burns seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Gary D. Townsend (Townsend Real Estate – Auction Firm)*

Mr. Townsend appeared before the Commission to give an explanation regarding his credit report.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Burns made a motion to take this matter under advisement in executive session. Mr. Holiday seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### Review of Continuing Education Courses

*All Star Training, Inc.*

All Star Training, Inc. submitted three online continuing education courses for Commission review and approval.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve the three new courses. Mr. Avendano seconded the motion which carried unanimously

*David Chapman (Ratification of email ballot)*

Mr. Chapman previously submitted a course that was instructed during the SCAA Annual Convention. The request was originally emailed to members for approval.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to accept the course. Mrs. Pinkney seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### New Hampshire Auctioneer Commission Law Review (Reciprocity)

The New Hampshire Commission is currently going through law changes and will be able to review and update reciprocal agreements next year. In the interim, NH will continue to accept SC licensees. NH indicated they have a copy of an agreement with SC from 1983, but SC does not have a record of the agreement.

#### Election of Officers

Chairman Blocker opened the floor for nominations for chairman.

**MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to re-elect Mr. Blocker as chairman. Mr. Burns seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to close nominations for board chairman. Mr. Avendano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Blocker opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Pinkney made a motion to re-elect Mr. Avendano as vice chairman. Mr. Holiday seconded the motion which carried unanimously. There were no other nominations.

**Public Comments**

Darron Meares and Randy Ligon addressed the Commission.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

Mr. Burns made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Avendano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Burns seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Thomas Lynwood Laws*

**MOTION**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to approve Mr. Law's license with one year of probation and a new credit report within one year of the effective date of the order. Mr. Avendano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Gary D. Townsend (Townsend Real Estate – Auction Firm License)*

**MOTION**

Mr. Burns made a motion to grant Mr. Townsend a license subject to him providing a satisfactory credit report one year from the date of the order. Mr. Holiday seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Holiday made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burns which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the SC Auctioneers' Commission is scheduled for May 7, 2012.