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Auction Advisory Board
Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Location: IDFPR - Division of Real Estate
555 West Monroe Street 5th Floor, Conference Room 5C5
Chicago, IL 60661
And
Via Interactive Video Conference
320 West Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 258
Springfield, IL 62786

Board Member(s) Present:
At Chicago Location: Nick Verma

Board Member(s) Present
at Springfield location: Jessica Doerr-Berger, Ben Ladage, James Rodney Laningham

Board Member Absent: John Matthew Corso, Otis Holley, Gwendolene Newton

Division Staff Present: Jeremy Reed – Deputy Director of the Division of Real Estate
Adrienne Levatino – Associate General Counsel
Nathaniel Chandler – Chief of Licensing and Education
Merle Shearer – Chief of Prosecutions
James Farrelly - Investigator
Stephen Kehoe – Staff Attorney
Kim Prickett – Operations Manager
Maria Lopez – Board Liaison
Susan Sigourney – Board Liaison

Guest(s) Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Chair Jessica Doerr-Berger. The Board members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Approval of Minutes: Board members reviewed the Minutes of the Open Session of the June 24, 2025, Auction Board meeting. A motion was made by Laningham and seconded by Ladage to approve those minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: There were no comments from members of the public.

Staff Reports:

Licensing and Education Report: The Licensing Report for activity conducted in September 2025 was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Nathaniel Chandler reported that the Auction Continuing Education (CE) renewal cycle began on October 1, 2025, for CE Providers and CE Courses. The renewal notices were emailed to the Auction CE providers with instructions and the renewal forms. The renewal forms have also been posted on the Auction page of the Division of Real Estate website. The renewal deadline is December 31, 2025. Nathaniel Chandler informed the Board there are six Auction CE schools at this time. And there are 872 licensed auctioneers who are required to take CE for the next renewal.

Investigations: The 2025 Investigations Report through the month of September was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Prosecutions: The 2025 Prosecutions Report through the month of September was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Formal Hearing Schedule: There are no Formal Hearings scheduled at this time.

Old Business: Adrienne Levatino requested that the Board members respond immediately when they receive the Web Ex invites for Auction Board meetings to discern if there will be a quorum for the upcoming Auction Board meeting.

New Business: A motion was made by Ladage and seconded by Laningham to re-elect Jessica Doerr-Berger Chairperson of the Auction Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Jessica Doerr-Berger informed the Board that the proposed 2026 Auction Advisory Board Meeting schedule has been added to SharePoint for the Board to review.

- Closed Session: A motion was made at 11:18 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Verma to enter Closed Session for the purposes set forth in Sections 2(c)(4), (15) and 21 of the Open Meetings Act. The Motion was passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.
- Review of Minutes: The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the June 24, 2025, Auction Board meeting.
- Deliberations: The Board deliberated on pending disciplinary matters.
- Motion To Return to Open Session: A Motion was made at 11:28 a.m. by Laningham and seconded by Ladage to return to open session. The Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ladage and seconded by Verma to approve the minutes of the closed session of the June 24, 2025, Auction Board meeting as presented and to keep them closed. The motion carried unanimously.
- Ratify Actions Taken in Closed Session: A motion was made by Laningham and seconded by Verma to ratify the recommendations made by the Board in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously.
- Recommendations: There were no deliberations for the Board to consider.
- Orders: There were two Consent Orders for the Board to consider. A Board member signed the Consent Orders on behalf of the Board.
- Minutes Remain Closed: A motion was made by Ladage and seconded by Verma that the minutes of all closed sessions of the Auction Board remain and be kept closed. The motion carried unanimously.
- Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made at 11:30 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Verma to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Report

Prepared by Nathaniel Chandler

October - November 2025

Filtered By

- Board = AUCTIONEER
- START DATE = 10/01/2025
- END DATE = 11/30/2025

12/1/2025 at 3:05:07 PM

Profession	ProfessionDescription	Sponsor_Chg	Applications	Initial_lic	Transitions	Renewals	Active_Licenses
440	Licensed Auctioneer	0	0	0	0	0	207
441	Licensed Auctioneer	1	15	8	0	4	677
444	Licensed Auction Firm	0	5	5	0	1	192
445	Licensed Auction CE School	0	0	0	0	0	6
446	Licensed Auction CE Course	0	2	0	0	0	42
Totals		1	22	13	0	5	1,124

From: 10/1/2025 To: 10/31/2025

		Pass		Fail		Total
		N	%	N	%	N
IL Auctioneer Examination	First Time	5	62.50	3	37.50	8
	Repeat	2	66.67	1	33.33	3
	Total	7	63.64	4	36.36	11

From: 11/1/2025 To: 11/30/2025

		Pass		Fail		Total
		N	%	N	%	N
IL Auctioneer Examination	First Time	5	55.56	4	44.44	9
	Repeat	1	100.00	0	0.00	1
	Total	6	60.00	4	40.00	10



AUCTIONEER INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

	Current AUCTION Caseload	Cases over 1 Year old	New AUCTION Cases Received	Referred to Prosecutions	Cases Closed in Investigations	
JANAURY	25	16	0	0	3	
FEBRUARY	25	18	1	0	1	
MARCH	27	17	2	0	0	
APRIL	26	15	3	0	4	
MAY	29	15	3	0	0	
JUNE	32	15	4	1	0	
JULY	33	15	3	0	2	
AUGUST	33	15	1	0	1	
SEPTEMBER	33	16	0	0	0	
OCTOBER	35	17	2	0	0	
NOVEMBER	35	18	0	0	0	
DECEMBER						
TOTAL			19	1	11	

AUCTION PROSECUTIONS REPORT 2025

NOVEMBER

	Pending Open Cases	Formal Complaints Filed	New Cases Rec'd / reopen	Cases 3 Months or Less	cases over 3 months	cases over 6 months	cases over 9 months	cases over 12 months	cases over 24 months	TOTAL CLOSED	CLOSED Admin	CLOSED Admin Warn Letter	Closed CE with memo	CLOSED Formal Order	CLOSED: Consent Order	CLOSED: Non- Disc Order	IL Inc Tax	Motion for Rehearing filed
JANUARY	11	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	11	0	0	0	2	0	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARCH	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
APRIL	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAY	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNE	9	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
JULY	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUGUST	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	10	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	10	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
DECEMBER										0								
TOTAL										7								