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Secretary

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Director

Auction Advisory Board Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: April 22, 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: John Matthew Corso, Jessica Doerr-Berger, Ben Ladage, James Rodney
Laningham, Thomas Walsh

Board Member Absent: 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
Hector Rodriguez – Chief of Investigations
Kim Prickett – Operations Manager
Debra Malinowski – Board Liaison
Maria Lopez – Board Liaison
Susan Sigourney – Board Liaison

Guest(s) Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:01 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 February 25, 2025, Auction Board meeting. A motion was made by Walsh 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 March 2025 was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Nathaniel Chandler explained that after the auction renewal ended on December 31, 2024, there were 800 active auctioneers.

Investigations: The 2025 Investigations Report through the month of March 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 March 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: There was no Old Business.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Closed Session: A motion was made at 11:09 a.m. by Walsh and seconded by Laningham 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 February 25, 2025, Auction Board meeting.

Deliberations: The Board deliberated on pending disciplinary matters.

Motion To Return to Open Session:	A Motion was made at 11:16 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Walsh to return to open session. The Motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes:	A motion was made by Corso and seconded by Walsh to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 25, 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 Walsh and seconded by Ladage to ratify the recommendations made by the Board in Closed Session. The motion carried unanimously.
Recommendations:	In Case #2023-02162, the Board considered disciplinary measures. The Board signed Findings of Fact at this meeting.
Orders:	One Consent Order was reviewed and discussed in Closed Session.
Minutes Remain Closed:	A motion was made by Walsh and seconded by Ladage 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 11:17 a.m. by Walsh and seconded by Ladage to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Report

Prepared by Nathaniel Chandler

February – March 2025

Filtered By

- Board = AUCTIONEER
- START DATE = 02/01/2025
- END DATE = 03/31/2025

4/1/2025 at 12:21:06 PM

Profession	ProfessionDescription	Sponsor_Chg	Applications	Initial_lic	Transitions	Renewals	Active_Licenses
440	Licensed Auctioneer	0	0	0	0	4	201
441	Licensed Auctioneer	4	19	17	0	19	590
444	Licensed Auction Firm	2	4	4	0	7	160
445	Licensed Auction CE School	0	0	0	0	0	6
446	Licensed Auction CE Course	0	0	0	0	0	42
Totals		6	23	21	0	30	999

From: 2/1/2025 To: 2/28/2025

		Pass		Fail		Total
		N	%	N	%	N
IL Auctioneer Examination	First Time	1	50.00	1	50.00	2
	Repeat	0	0.00	2	100.00	2
	Total	1	25.00	3	75.00	4

From: 3/1/2025 To: 3/31/2025

		Pass		Fail		Total
		N	%	N	%	N
IL Auctioneer Examination	First Time	11	57.89	8	42.11	19
	Repeat	3	75.00	1	25.00	4
	Total	14	60.87	9	39.13	23



AUCTIONEER INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

MARCH 2025

	Current AUCTION Caseload	Cases over 1 Year old	New AUCTION Cases Received	Referred to Prosecutions	Cases Closed in Investigations	
JANUARY	25	16	0	0	3	
FEBRUARY	25	18	1	0	1	
MARCH	27	17	2	0	0	
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
TOTAL			3	0	4	

AUCTION PROSECUTIONS REPORT 2025

March

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