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Auction Advisory Board Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: June 24, 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: Otis Holley and Nick Verma

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

Board Member Absent: John Matthew Corso and 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
Maria Lopez – Board Liaison
Susan Sigourney – Board Liaison

Guest(s) Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:58 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 April 22, 2025, Auction Board meeting. A motion was made by Laningham and seconded by Ladage to approve those minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Reed, Deputy Director of the Division of Real Estate, introduced and welcomed Otis “O.D.” Holley, the new Board member, to the Board and staff.

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

Staff Reports:

Licensing and Education Report: The Licensing Report for activity conducted in May 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 upcoming Auction Education renewal cycle will begin on October 1. This is the renewal cycle for Auction Continuing Education (CE) Providers and Auction CE Courses. The renewal deadline is December 31, 2025. A 2026 auction renewal CE help sheet has also been posted on the Department’s website for the next auction license renewal cycle.

Investigations: The 2025 Investigations Report through the month of May 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 May 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: Adrienne Levatino reminded the Board that at the next Auction Board meeting, the Board will elect a chairperson.

Closed Session: A motion was made at 11:08 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Holley 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 April 22, 2025, Auction Board meeting.
Deliberations:	The Board deliberated on pending disciplinary matters.
Motion To Return to Open Session:	A Motion was made at 11:12 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 April 22, 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 Holley 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 was one Consent Order for the Board to consider. A Board member signed the Consent Order on behalf of the Board.
Minutes Remain Closed:	A motion was made by Laningham 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 11:15 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Holley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.