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Auction Advisory Board

Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: June 23, 2026

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, John Matthew Corso, Ben Ladage, James Rodney
Laningham

Board Member Absent: Otis Holley 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
Jenni Scheck – Staff Attorney
Jennifer Rossiter Moreno – Real Estate Coordinator
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 11:02 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 28, 2026, Auction Board meeting. A motion was made by Verma and seconded by Laningham 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 Reports through the months of April and May 2026 were presented and distributed.

Nathaniel Chandler presented the number of active auction licenses for each type of auction license for the months of April and May 2026:

- 440 Licensed Auctioneer - 208
- 441 Licensed Auctioneer – 783
- 444 Licensed Auction Firm - 214
- 445 Licensed Auction Continuing Education (CE) School – 4
- 446 Licensed Auction CE Course - 38

Nathaniel Chandler explained that newly licensed auctioneers are not required to complete continuing education for their first license renewal.

Investigations: The Investigation Reports through the months of April and May 2026 were presented and distributed.

The Investigations Report through the month of April 2026 was presented by Hector Rodriguez:

- New Auction Cases Received – 5
- Cases Referred to Prosecutions – 0
- Cases Closed in Investigations – 4
- Current Auction Caseload - 43

The Investigations Report through the month of May 2026 was presented by Hector Rodriguez:

- New Auction Cases Received – 2
- Cases Referred to Prosecutions – 0
- Cases Closed in Investigations – 1
- Current Auction Caseload - 45

Prosecutions:

The Prosecutions Report through the months of April and May 2026 were presented and distributed.

The 2026 Prosecutions Report through the month of April 2026 was presented by Merle Shearer:

- New Auction Cases – 0
- Pending/Open Cases – 6
- Cases Closed – 1
 - Case Closed (administratively)

The 2026 Prosecutions Report through the month of May 2026 was presented by Merle Shearer:

- New Auction Cases – 0
- Pending/Open Cases – 6
- Cases Closed – 0

Formal Hearing Schedule:

There were no formal hearings scheduled.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business:

Adrienne Levatino informed the Board that an election for Chairperson of the Auction Board will be held at the next Board meeting on August 25, 2026.

Jennifer Rossiter Moreno, the Board Coordinator for the Division of Real Estate, explained that the Board members will need to submit their outstanding travel reimbursement vouchers for fiscal year 2026 to Susan Sigourney prior to June 30, 2026. Jennifer Rossiter Moreno also informed the Board that effective July 1, 2026, the start of fiscal year 2027, the Board will need to submit their travel vouchers to Kim Prickett, Operations Manager for the Division of Real Estate. She will assume responsibility for all travel related matters for the Auction Board.

The Director of the Division of Real Estate, Laurie Murphy, requested that the Auction Board form a three-member working group to discuss potential legislation that would require the creation of a separate license type for estate sales under the Illinois Auction License Act, rather than having estate sales fall within the existing auction license definitions. The Board established a working group of three Board members for this project and they will work with Associate General Counsel for the Division of Real Estate, Adrienne Levatino.

Closed Session:	A motion was made at 11:34 a.m. by Ladage 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 April 28, 2026, Auction Board meeting.
Deliberations:	There Board deliberated on pending disciplinary matters.
Motion To Return to Open Session:	A motion was made at 11:38 a.m. by Ladage and seconded by Corso to return to open session. The Motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Minutes:	A motion was made by Ladage and seconded by Corso to approve the minutes of the closed session of the April 28, 2026, Auction Board meeting as presented and to keep them closed. The motion carried unanimously.
Ratify the Actions Taken In Closed Session:	A motion was made by Corso and seconded by Laningham to ratify the actions taken 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. Rodney Laningham recused himself from Case #2017-04394. A quorum of the Board remained present after this recusal.
Minutes Remain Closed:	A motion was made by Ladage and seconded by Laningham that due to the continuing need for confidentiality, all minutes of all closed sessions of the Auction Board meetings remain and be kept closed. The motion was passed unanimously.
Adjournment:	There being no further business, a motion was made at 11:40 a.m. by Corso and seconded by Ladage to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.