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Kentucky Board of Auctioneers Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

9:30 a.m. ET/ 8:30 a.m. CT

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers was held on August 12, 2026, at the Mayo-Underwood Building, Frankfort, KY 40601, Conference Room 247CE, and by videoconference via MS Teams.

Members Present

Chairman John Kessler
Member Ronald Kirby
Member Russell Mills
Member Kenneth Lewis
Member Rick Adams

Staff Present

Tracy Carroll, Director
Gerald Florence, Deputy Director
Lilly Coiner, General Counsel
Danielle Haddad, Staff Attorney III
Seth Branson, Procedures Development Specialist II
Randy Kloss, Investigator
Rachel Couch, Paralegal
Lauren Glass, Contract Administrative Specialist
Anna Thornton, TKIP Intern

Guests

Joseph R. Gribbins
Tom Lawson

Call to Order

Member Kessler called the meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers to order at 9:32 a.m. ET /8:32 a.m. CT.

Approval of Minutes

Member Kirby moved to approve the July 08, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Member Mills seconded the motion. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Division of Real Property Boards Update

Director Tracy Carroll thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting and expressed her appreciation for the passion demonstrated throughout the industry and emphasized the importance of education. Tracy Carroll stated that General Counsel Lilly Coiner would provide an update regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) committee and thanked the Commissioners for their participation in that process.

Deputy Director Gerald Florence announced that Lauren Glass will be assisting with KBOA.

Financial Report

Deputy Director Gerald informed the board the financial report was provided in the board packet for review. He stated that the budget total for KBOA was \$732,359 and the total of the KBOA Education and Recovery Fund was \$697,173.

Legal Update

General Counsel Lilly Coiner noted that it had been a busy month for KBOA staff and discussed the drafting work done in the RFP committee meeting this week regarding the Board's intent to procure an education consultant. Lilly Coiner further stated that she and Staff Attorney III Danielle Haddad were in the process of finalizing the draft RFP.

Licensure Report

Deputy Director Gerald Florence reported that ten (10) people took the Auctioneers examination. Nine (9) applicants passed and one (1) failed. Gerald Florence also reported that 1,394 auctioneers renewed their professional license during the 2026 renewal cycle. Member Kessler requested that staff reach out to any non-renewing licensees.

Complaint Committee Report

The Complaint Review Committee (CRC) did not meet this month.

Closed Session

At 9:38 a.m. ET /8:38 a.m. CT. Member Mills made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to KRS 61.815 and KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j), with board staff and counsel, to discuss proposed or pending litigation and deliberate on individual adjudications. The motion was seconded by Member Kirby. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session

At 10:19 a.m. ET / 9:19 a.m. CT., Member Kirby made a motion to reconvene in open session. Member Adams seconded the motion. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Motions from Closed Session

- **In Re: L.G.J.** – Member Kirby moved to approve the licensing request. Member Adams seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: S.W.** – Member Kirby moved to approve licensing request. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: T.G.** – Member Kirby moved to suspend for three (3) years and biennial background for two (2) years every six (6) months following the suspension. Member Mills seconded this motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: C.M.** – Member Kirby moved to approve the reciprocal application. Member Adams seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: S.S.** – Member Kirby moved to approve the reciprocal application. Member Mills seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: B.G.** – Member Kirby moved to approve the reciprocal application. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion carried.
- **In Re: 25-C-015** – Member Kirby moved to reissue the agreed order. Member Mills seconded the motion. Having all in favor the motion is carried.

New Business and Action Items

1. Nashville Auction School – Member Mills moved to approve the Multi-State CE Course through Nashville Auction School. Member Kirby seconded the motion. Commissioner Lewis abstained. Having four in favor, the motion carried.
2. General Counsel Lilly Coiner stated that Reciprocity Agreement Review occurred in closed session.
3. 2027 KAA Conference – Member Mills moved to approve up to ten (10) board members and staff to attend the 2027 KAA Conference in Louisville. Member Adams seconded the motion. Having all in favor motion carried.
4. Board members and staff discussed the feasibility of distributing a KBOA newsletter.
5. Member Mills discussed his attendance at the NAA convention, including an advocacy class. He stated that the NAA would be publishing guidelines regarding firearm auctions soon, possibly in October.

Regulation Review

Legal counsel presented a comprehensive fee comparison spreadsheet, highlighting the differences in licensing fees between Kentucky and each of its bordering states. Board members reviewed the numbers and discussed potential fee increases during regulation review.

Public Comments

Mr. Joe Gribbins, as the creator of the current Core study guide, requested the Board's authorization to engage with all current Core instructors to solicit their professional feedback and insights regarding the Core Class curriculum.

Member Kirby motioned to authorize Joe Gribbins obtain feedback from Core Class instructors on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Lewis. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Approval Per Diem

Member Mills made a motion to approve the per diem and travel expenses for the August 12, 2026, KBOA Main Meeting. Member Kirby seconded the motion. Having all in favor, the motion carried.

Meeting Adjournment

Member Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Mills seconded the motion. Having all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. ET / 9:47 a.m. CT.

Next meeting will be held

September 09, 2026, 9:30 a.m. ET / 8:30 a.m. CT