



KENTUCKY BOARD OF AUCTIONEERS
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021
Video Conference Meeting
Motions denoted by *

Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin called the meeting of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers to order at 9:03 A.M. E.T.

PRESENT

Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin, Board members Ron Kirby Jr, Danny Ford, Greg Johnson, Executive Director Robert Astorino, General Counsel John Hardesty, Investigator Brian Travis, Administrative Coordinator Lavonne Bowling.

SWEARING IN

- Ronald R Kirby Jr was sworn in by Chair Cliff-Ed Irvin for a term expiring October 31, 2023.

MINUTES

- *The minutes of December 2, 2020 were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Greg Johnson.

DIRECTOR ASTORINO

- Director Astorino addressed the board and discussed the current COVID-19 guidelines in place. The objectives for the first quarter of 2021 were discussed at length with the entire board. Areas of concern include, finding ways to get exams back on track, in person meetings are not authorized at this time due to the pandemic, in-person education for auctioneers without access to electronic communications, online illegal auctions including but not limited to facebook auctions.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- *On a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Ron Kirby Jr with a unanimous vote, a test run for proctoring the exams using zoom videoconference is to be scheduled using pdf documents. Ron Kirby has offered to monitor the exam candidates at his Bowling Green office.
- Accessibility to education for the 2021 renewal period was discussed.
- The core/ce schedule on the website will be updated.
- The KAA Convention was discussed.
- *On a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Greg Johnson with a unanimous vote, an email blast is to be sent to licensees to inform them of the live education classes during the KAA Convention.

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- SB150 was discussed as it relates to license renewal during the state of emergency. Licenses cannot be cancelled for failure to pay the renewal fee during the state of emergency. Licensees have 30 days following the end of the state of emergency to pay renewal fees.
- Notices are to be sent to all licensees who did not renew by 12.31.2020.
- Ron Kirby Jr is appointed to the Complaint Review Committee.
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INVESTIGATIONS

- Investigator Travis and General Counsel Hardesty relayed information on the difficulties involved regarding facebook auction investigations. Many facebook auction sites require a connection using a personal account and there are many who will only allow private groups to connect to their sites. This makes it very difficult to obtain contact information. Investigator Travis will contact PPC Information Officer Ricki Gardenhire in regards to a facebook account.
- Greg Johnson will consult with KAA president Shaun Logsdon for any research they may have on online benefit auctions or auctions within Kentucky that are connected to an auctioneer not licensed in Kentucky.

LEGAL UPDATE

- *In accordance with the requirements of KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j) the Board went into closed session at 10:41 A.M. upon a motion from Greg Johnson seconded by Danny Ford with a unanimous vote.
- *The Board returned to open session at 11:13 A.M. on a motion from Ron Kirby Jr. seconded by Greg Johnson, with a unanimous vote.
- Following the return to open session, Danny Ford recused himself from the discussion and vote on case # 19-009.
- *On a motion from Ron Kirby Jr seconded by Greg Johnson with a unanimous vote from the remaining members, case # 19-009 will receive a letter of reprimand, a fine of \$500.00 and will have to take the six (6) hour auction core course.
- *On a motion from Greg Johnson seconded by Ron Kirby Jr with a unanimous vote, a cease and desist letter will be sent to Tim Brown with a notice that further illegal auction activity will result in litigation for prosecution of violation of KRS 330.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

- The next board meeting is on the calendar for March 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M. E.T. on a motion from Danny Ford seconded by Greg Johnson, all in favor.

I, Robert Astorino, Executive Director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority, have reviewed and pursuant to KRS 324B.060, have (Approved or Disapproved) the expenditures of the Kentucky Board of Auctioneers as described in these attached minutes.

Meeting Date 1/13/2021.

I have not reviewed, nor did I participate in discussions, deliberations, or decisions regarding, the actions of the Board as it relates to individual disciplinary matters, investigations, or applicant reviews.

_____ **Robert Astorino, KREA Executive Director**

Date_____