

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEERS

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MINUTES Special Called Board Meeting September 5, 2007

The Alabama State Board of Auctioneers met on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Board offices in Montgomery, at a special meeting called by the Board's Chair. Those in attendance were Mr. Wayne Thorn (Vice-Chair); Mr. David Starnes, Member; Mr. Buddy Ray, Member; Mr. Chip Pearce, Member, and Mr. Johnny Vetra, Member. Mr. Tommy Barnes, (Chair); Mr. Ken Garner, Member; and Mr. Mark Lane, Member were not present. In the Chair's absence, Mr. Thorn conducted the meeting, and the Board, consisting of a quorum, continued with a voting meeting. Also present were Mr. Keith Warren, Executive Director; Ms. Hope Paulene, Executive Assistant; and Ms. Dana Billingsley, Board Counsel.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was properly advertised on the Board's website, www.auctioneer.alabama.gov, as well as the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.al.us, as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Warren administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Johnny D. Vetra.

In view of Mr. Vetra's appointment to the Board, and in accordance with the provisions of Ala. Code § 34-4-50(c) (1975 as amended), the Board proceeded with the election of officers. As acting Chair, Mr. Thorn opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Pearce made a motion nominating Mr. Ray, which was seconded by Mr. Vetra and passed by acclamation.

Mr. Pearce moved to close nominations for Secretary, which motion was seconded by Mr. Starnes and unanimously carried by the Board.

Mr. Pearce then moved to elect Mr. Ray as Board Secretary; the motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and passed by acclamation.

Mr. Thorn next opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Starnes made a motion nominating Mr. Thorn for Vice-Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and passed by acclamation.

Mr. Pearce made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and unanimously carried by the Board.

Mr. Vetra then moved to elect Mr. Thorn as Vice-Chair; the motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and passed by acclamation.

Lastly, Mr. Thorn opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Mr. Pearce made a motion nominating Mr. Barnes for Chair, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and passed by acclamation.

Mr. Starnes made motion to close the nominations, which motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously carried by the Board.

Mr. Pearce then placed a motion on the floor to elect Mr. Barnes as Chair, which motion was seconded by Mr. Ray and passed by acclamation.

As the next order of business, Mr. Warren presented the Board with the sole response to the Board's Invitation to Bid for Administrative Services received by the State of Alabama Department of Finance - Division of Purchasing. The bid response had remained sealed until opened in the presence of the Board and was then made available to the Board members for discussion and review.

Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Warren & Company, Inc. as the lowest qualified responsible bidder that met all the Board's requirements for the provisioning of administrative services. The bid, as accepted, offers these services for a period of one year (10/1/07 to 9/30/08) in the amount of \$75,000.00 (\$6,250.00 monthly fee). The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the Report of the Administrative Law Judge ("Proposed Order") in the matter of Mr. Brian W. Hancock, OAH-07-131, as prepared by Judge Milt E. Belcher. Before participating in the deliberation and the vote in this matter, Mr. Vetra read the transcript from the hearing and stated for the record that, although he knew Mr. Hancock as a student in auctioneering school, his acquaintance with the applicant did not predispose him as to whether to grant Mr. Hancock's application for an auctioneer license, and he could fairly and impartially consider only the evidence of record provided in the proceeding's transcript when entertaining a vote.

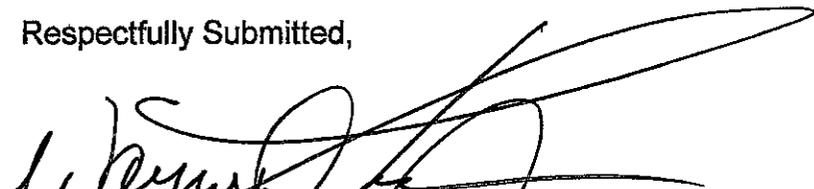
Although Mr. Hancock was not present at the meeting, for the record, Mr. Warren read aloud the Judge's recommendation to deny Mr. Hancock's application for an auctioneer's license.

Mr. Pearce subsequently moved to deny Mr. Hancock's application for licensure, with the added stipulation that Mr. Hancock would not be eligible to reapply for licensure before one (1) year from the date of the Board's Final Order and that his sponsor, Mr. Tony M. Hill, is to be notified of the decision of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously approved by the Board.

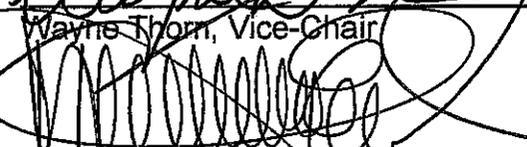
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is October 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

At approximately 10:09 a.m., there being no further business, Mr. Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vetra and unanimously carried by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wayne Thorn, Vice-Chair



Keith E. Warren, Executive Director