

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (IDFPR)
DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE (DRE)**

AUCTION ADVISORY BOARD

OPEN MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2022

Call to Order: 11:00 a.m. – Thomas Walsh - Chairperson

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)/Division of Real Estate (DRE)

Location: This meeting was held remotely via interactive webinar and/or telephonically because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration, and because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster.

Board Members Present: Jessica Doerr-Berger, Kelly T. Frank, Gwendolene Newton, Carol Spracklen, Brian A. Swartz, Thomas Walsh

Staff Members Present: Adrienne Levatino – Associate General Counsel, Jeremy Reed - Chief of Licensing and Education, Geetu Naik – Chief of Prosecutions, Debra Malinowski – Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board Liaison, Susan Sigourney – Auction Board Liaison

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>Chairperson Thomas Walsh called the meeting to order and he read a mandatory statement regarding the Open Meetings Act. <i>This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance Taken: Jessica Doerr-Berger – present Kelly T. Frank – present Gwendolene Newton – present Carol Spracklen – present Brian Swartz – present Thomas Walsh - present</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Review and Approval of Open Minutes:</p>	<p>The Board reviewed the Open Minutes from the December 21, 2021, Auction Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roll Call Vote Taken: Jessica Doerr-Berger – yes</p>	<p>A motion was made by Doerr-Berger and seconded by Newton to approve the Open Minutes as presented from the December 21, 2021 Auction Advisory Board meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote.</p>

	<p>Kelly T. Frank – yes Gwendolene Newton – yes Carol Spracklen - yes Brian Swartz – yes Thomas Walsh - yes</p>	
Public Comments	There were no public comments.	
Licensing and Education Report	<p>The 2022 Licensing Report for activity conducted in January was presented and discussed. A copy of the report is attached to and made part of these minutes. Jeremy Reed discussed the Auction License Report.</p> <p>Jeremy Reed explained the Springfield Division of Real Estate has gained a new employee and one of our staff is moving to a different agency. Mr. Reed said most of the staff continues working remotely from their homes due to the COVID – 19 Pandemic.</p>	
Investigations Report	The 2022 Auction Investigations Report through the month of January was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.	
Prosecutions Report	<p>The 2022 Auction Prosecutions Report through the month of January was presented and distributed. A copy of the report is attached to and made part of these minutes.</p> <p>Geetu Naik, Chief of Prosecutions, explained there is one pending case and two cases closed in Prosecutions at this time. Ms. Naik was excited to introduce the two new prosecutors in DRE Prosecutions, Sheilah O’Grady Krajniak and Elliot Dubin.</p>	
Formal Hearing Schedule	There were no formal hearings scheduled.	
Old Business	There was no old business to discuss.	

<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Board signed no Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations to the Director</p> <p>Orders</p>	<p>There were no cases for the Board to deliberate during Closed Session.</p> <p>There were no Consent Orders for the Board to discuss in Closed Session.</p> <p>The Board received a report of the final actions by the Director of the following Consent Order previously signed by the Board: 2018-07663 Valerie Merkel and Midas Touch Estates</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Roll Call Vote taken: Jessica Doerr-Berger – yes Kelly T. Frank – yes Gwendolene Newton – yes Carol Spracklen - yes Brian Swartz - yes Thomas Walsh - yes</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2022.</p>	<p>There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Doerr - Berger and seconded by Spracklen to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. The motion carried by roll call vote.</p>

Licensing Report

YTD - thru February 14, 2022

Prepared by Jeremy N Reed

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board = AUCTIONEER START DATE = 01/01/2022 END DATE = 02/14/2022 							
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Profession	ProfessionDescription	Sponsor_Chg	Applications	Initial_lic	Transitions	Renewals	Active_Licenses
440	Licensed Auctioneer	0	0	0	0	0	285
441	Licensed Auctioneer	0	3	7	0	0	718
444	Licensed Auction Firm	0	2	3	0	0	174
445	Licensed Auction CE School	0	0	0	0	1	5
446	Licensed Auction CE Course	0	4	5	0	10	46
Totals		0	9	15	0	11	1,228

From: 1/1/2022 To: 1/31/2022

		Pass		Fail		Total
		N	%	N	%	N
IL Auctioneer Examination	First Time	1	16.67	5	83.33	6
	Repeat	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	Total	1	16.67	5	83.33	6

AUCTION PROSECUTIONS REPORT 2022

January

	Pending Open Cases	Formal Complaints Filed	New Cases Rec'd / reopen	3 months or less	cases over 3 months	cases over 6 months	cases over 9 months	cases over 12 months	cases over 24 months	CLOSED	CLOSED Admin	CLOSED Admin Warn Letter	Closed CE with memo	CLOSED Formal Order	CLOSED: Consent Order	CLOSED : Non-Disc Order	IL Inc Tax	Child Support	Motion for Rehearing filed
JANUARY	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
FEBRUARY										0									
MARCH										0									
APRIL										0									
MAY										0									
JUNE										0									
JULY										0									
AUGUST										0									
SEPTEMBER										0									
OCTOBER										0									
NOVEMBER										0									
DECEMBER										0									
TOTAL		0	0							2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0