

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF AUCTIONEER EXAMINERS

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

May 11, 2026

State Board of Auctioneer Examiners
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Daniel A. Trace, Professional Member, Chair
Gerald A. Rader, Professional Member, Secretary
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Sherman E. Hostetter Jr., Professional Member
Hayley Dull, Senior Civil Investigator
Thomas L. Abruzzese, Trading Assistant
Nevin Rentzel, Professional Member - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel
Terrie Kocher, Board Administrator
James Kushlan, Board Administrator
Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
Ronald Jackson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, PA Office of General
Counsel
Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic
Affairs
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office
of Policy
Thomas Leech II, Esquire, Business Licensing Division
Chief

ALSO PRESENT:

Ryan Gonder, Esquire, McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC
Madison Pence, Legal Assistant, McNees Wallace &
Nurick, LLC
Samuel Lapp, Applicant
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

State Board of Auctioneer Examiners

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board returned to open session at 10:34 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners was held on Monday, May 11, 2026. Chairman Daniel Trace called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

[Daniel Trace, Chairman, requested a roll call of Board members. A quorum was present.]

Introduction of Attendees

[Terrie Kocher, Board Administrator, provided an introduction of attendees.]

Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2026

1 CHAIR TRACE:

2 Approval of Minutes of the last
3 meeting.

4 [The Board discussed corrections to the Minutes of
5 March 9, 2026.]

6 MR. JAYMAN:

7 I believe we'll need a vote on that.

8 MR. HOSTETTER:

9 So moved.

10 CHAIR TRACE:

11 Sherman Hostetter. Second?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Claggett, second.

14 CHAIR TRACE:

15 Any discussion? Vote.

16

17 Daniel Trace, aye; Gerald Rader, aye;
18 Arion Claggett, aye; Sherman Hostetter,
19 aye; Hayley Dull, abstain; Thomas
20 Abruzzese, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Ms. Dull abstained from voting
22 on the motion.]

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24 Report of Board Prosecution - Status of Cases

25 [Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecution

1 Liaison, reported on the status of cases with the
2 Board.

3 The last reporting cycle was from February 20,
4 2026 through May 4, 2026. She stated the Board
5 currently had 121 open cases. Five cases were opened
6 and eight cases were closed during the reporting
7 cycle. Additionally, she noted 104 cases were
8 currently in the prosecution stage and five have been
9 assigned to the Prothonotary or Hearing Examiner.

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11 Report of Board Counsel

12 [Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
13 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued
14 to participate were giving their consent to be
15 recorded.

16 Mr. Jayman also noted the Board entered into
17 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
18 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
19 that are currently pending before the Board and to
20 receive the advice of counsel.]

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22 MR. JAYMAN:

23 Based on Executive Session
24 deliberations, I believe the Chair
25 would entertain a motion to

1 provisionally deny the application by
2 reciprocity endorsement, in the matter
3 of Joseph Swarey, Application No.
4 AA0006882174.

5 CHAIR TRACE:

6 Do I hear a motion?

7 MR. RADER:

8 So moved, Rader.

9 CHAIR TRACE:

10 Second?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, second.

13 CHAIR TRACE:

14 Vote.

15

16 Daniel Trace, aye; Gerald Rader, aye;
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Sherman Hostetter,
18 aye; Hayley Dull, aye; Thomas
19 Abruzzese, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MR. JAYMAN:

23 Based on Executive Session
24 deliberations, I believe the Chair
25 entertain a motion to approve the

1 application for Apprentice Auctioneer
2 License by Application in the matter of
3 Mark Schwalm, Application No.
4 AA0006947579.

5 CHAIR TRACE:

6 Can I hear a motion?

7 MR. RADER:

8 Move to approve.

9 CHAIR TRACE:

10 A second?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, second.

13 CHAIR TRACE:

14 Roll call vote.

15

16 Daniel Trace, aye; Gerald Rader, aye;
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Sherman Hostetter,
18 aye; Hayley Dull, aye; Thomas
19 Abruzzese, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MR. JAYMAN:

23 Just before I move forward, No. 6 was
24 voted upon at the last meeting on March
25 9, 2026. However, the case was

1 revisited and therefore, there is a new
2 vote today with regard to that case.

3 Based on Executive Session
4 deliberations, I believe the Chair
5 would entertain a motion to accept the
6 Final Adjudication as written in the
7 matter of Ian J. Gilmore, Case No. 25-
8 64-001658.

9 CHAIR TRACE:

10 Do I hear a motion?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, so moved.

13 CHAIR TRACE:

14 Second?

15 MS. DULL:

16 I'll second.

17

18 Daniel Trace, aye; Gerald Rader,
19 recuse; Arion Claggett, aye; Sherman
20 Hostetter, nay; Hayley Dull, aye;
21 Thomas Abruzzese, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Mr. Rader was recused from
23 deliberations and voting on the matter. Mr.
24 Hostetter opposed the motion.]

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1 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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3 Report of Chairperson

4 [Daniel A. Trace, Professional Member, Chair, thanked
5 Ms. Kocher for her years of service to the Board as
6 she was retiring at the end of the month. He
7 extended appreciation from the Board.]

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9 Report of Board Administrator

10 [Terrie Kocher, Board Administrator, introduced James
11 Kushlan who would be taking over as Board
12 Administrator.]

13 Mr. Kushlan shared he was moving over from the
14 Vehicle Board. He would be administrating both the
15 Auctioneers Board and the Navigation Commission. He
16 stated he looked forward to learning about the
17 Auctioneers Board.

18 Ms. Kocher thanked the Board and noted it had
19 been a pleasure to work with everyone.]

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21 Public Comment - None

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23 [A Formal Hearing was held from 10:45 a.m. till
24 11:21 a.m. in the Matter of the Application by
25 Examination Eligibility for Samuel K. Lapp, Case No.]

1 25-64-018107, Application No. AA0006406795.]

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3 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
4 at 11:22 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
5 Session with Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel,
6 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
7 deliberations and to receive the advice of Board
8 Counsel. The Board returned to open session at 11:42
9 a.m.]

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11 MR. JAYMAN:

12 With regard to Agenda Item No. 2, based
13 on Executive Session deliberations, I
14 believe the Chair would entertain a
15 motion to allow Samuel Lapp to sit for
16 the auctioneer examination based upon
17 him demonstrating 30 auctions in a two-
18 year period. I would also like to note
19 that Commonwealth at the hearing had no
20 objection to that request as well. And
21 again, that's for Samuel Lapp,
22 Application No. AA0006406795, Case No.
23 25-64-018107.

24 MR. HOSTETTER:

25 So moved, Sherman Hostetter.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Second.

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4 Daniel Trace, aye; Gerald Rader, aye;
5 Arion Claggett, aye; Sherman Hostetter,
6 aye; Hayley Dull, aye; Thomas
7 Abruzzese, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Adjournment

11 CHAIR TRACE:

12 I guess that's under adjournment.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved for adjournment. Is
15 there a second?

16 MR. RADER:

17 Second, Rader.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 All right. We are adjourned.

20 CHAIR TRACE:

21 Thank you all for coming.

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23 [There being no further business, the State Board of
24 Auctioneers Examiners Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Auctioneers meeting.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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10:34	Official Call to Order
10:34	Roll Call of Attendance
10:36	Approval of Minutes
10:37	Report of Board Prosecution
10:38	Report of Board Counsel
10:42	Report of Board Chairperson
10:43	Report of Board Administrator
10:45	Appointment - Hearing, Samuel Lapp
11:22	Executive Session
11:42	Return to Open Session
11:44	Motion on Appointment
11:47	Adjournment