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: 10:29 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

September 14, 2026

State Board of Auctioneer Examiners
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Daniel A. Trace, Professional Member, Chair - Absent
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Gerald A. Rader, Professional Member, Secretary - Absent
Thomas L. Abruzzese, Trading Assistant
Sherman E. Hostetter Jr., Professional Member
Nevin Rentzel, Professional Member
Sabrina Andrejak, Attorney General Representative

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
James P. Kushlan, Board Administrator
Thomas Leech II, Business Licensing Division Chief
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison
Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic Initiatives

ALSO PRESENT:

Ryan Gonder, Esquire, McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC
Jessica Kemmerer, Government and Strategic Advocacy Advisory, McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC
Jacob Hill, Sargent’s Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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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 10:29 a.m.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners was held on Monday, September 14, 2026. Acting Commissioner Arion Claggett called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

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Roll Call of Board Members

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs requested a roll call of Board members. A quorum was present.]

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Introduction of Attendees

[James P. Kushlan, Board Administrator, provided an introduction of attendees.]

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

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

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Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2026

MR. JAYMAN:

On the Agenda is the draft minutes for July 13, 2026, the previous meeting. Did all Board Members have an opportunity to review those? Are there any changes?

Okay. Seeing none, I believe the Acting Commissioner will entertain a motion to approve the draft minutes from the July 13, 2026 State Board of Auctioneer Examiners meeting.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Do we have a motion?

MR. ABRUZZESE:

So moved.

MR. HOSTETTER:

Second.

Thomas Abruzzese, aye; Sherman Hostetter, aye; Nevin Rentzel, abstain; Arion Claggett, abstain; Sabrina Andrejak, abstain.

[The motion carried. Mr. Rentzel, Acting Commissioner Claggett, and Ms. Andrejak abstained from voting on the motion.]

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Report of Board Prosecution - Status of Cases

[Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison, reported the Board currently had 110 open cases. Between June 24, 2026 and September 2, 2026, 13 cases were opened and 19 cases were closed. Regarding the stage of each case, she reported 108 cases were with the Professional Compliance Office/Prosecution Division; two cases are with the Counsel Division; and no cases are assigned to the Prothonotary and Hearing Examiner's Office. She provided a summary of the cause for the cases including unprofessional conduct; arrest; fraud; misrepresentation; misleading or fraudulent

advertising; fraud in the practice of the profession; unlicensed practice; practicing on an elapsed or suspended license; operating an unlicensed facility; reinstatement requests; auto suspension; and citations.

It was noted Mr. Hostetter had asked a question regarding the cases at the prior meeting. Mr. Hostetter clarified he would like information regarding cases that were open, newly filed, resolved, and case categories included in the Board packet to be printed out for review.]

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Report of Board Counsel

MR. JAYMAN:

Agenda Item No. 4 is a Final Adjudication and Order.

Based on Executive Session deliberations, I believe the Acting Commissioner would entertain a motion to accept the Final Adjudication and Order as written in the matter of Curtis F. Wilson, Case No. 22-64-002165.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Do we have a motion?

MR. ABRUZZESE:

So moved.

MR. HOSTETTER:

Second.

Thomas Abruzzese, aye; Sherman Hostetter, aye; Nevin Rentzel, aye; Sabrina Andrejak, aye; Arion Claggett, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Miscellaneous

MR. JAYMAN:

I have one other item, No. 5 on the Agenda as a miscellaneous item. This matter was previously heard on July 13th. The previous hearing was before the Board and, at that time, the record was left open for Mr. Swarey to supplement the record with additional evidence of his auctions that he performed within the two of the last five years.

Based upon that information, I believe the Acting Commissioner would

entertain a motion directing Board Counsel to prepare a Final Order in accordance with discussions in Executive Session for the matter of Joseph Swarey, Case No. 26-64-008107.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Do we have a motion?

MR. ABRUZZESE:

So moved.

MR. HOSTETTER:

Second.

Thomas Abruzzese, aye; Sherman Hostetter, aye; Nevin Rentzel, aye; Sabrina Andrejak, aye; Arion Claggett, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Chairperson - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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Public Comment - None

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Adjournment

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

There doesn't appear to be any public comment before we adjourn. The next meeting is November 9, 2026.

And with that, I will entertain a motion for adjournment.

[Mr. Hostetter took a moment to thank Acting Commissioner Claggett for how he handled the meeting.]

MR. HOSTETTER:

A motion to adjourn.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Thank you all. We are adjourned.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of Auctioneers Examiners Meeting adjourned at 10:42 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.



Jacob Hill,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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