

VIRGINIA AUCTIONEERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Virginia Auctioneers Board met on July 21, 2026, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

The following members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Betty Bennett (Auctioneer)
Angela Smith-Mackey (Citizen Member)
Josh Puffenbarger (Auctioneer)

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Laura McClintock, Director
Steve Kirschner, LRPD Director
Kate Nobsch, Executive Director
Summer Saunders, Licensing Operations Administrator
Kyle Mathews, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Davon Jones, Administrative Coordinator
Ramona Norris, Licensing Specialist
Bianca Mountford, Licensing Specialist
Joe Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Greg Emerson, Director of Examinations
Brandon Bouknight, Examination Data Administrator
Free Williams, Director of Adjudication
Skyler Edwards, Adjudication Specialist
Jennifer Sayegh, Policy and Legislative Affairs Manager
Eric Beidel, Digital and Communications Manager

Adrianna Cowan-Waddy (Citizen Member) and Douglas Sinclair (Auctioneer) were not present with regrets.

James Flaherty, Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Office of the Attorney General, was present in the absence of Elizabeth Peay.

Ronald Bledsoe, BPOR Liaison, was not present with regrets.

Members of the Audience:
Greg Gilberton

Mr. Puffenbarger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Due to the absence of a quorum, the Board was unable to conduct any official business requiring action.

Call to Order

Mr. Puffenbarger advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency
Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nosbisch welcomed and introduced Ms. Summer Saunders as the new Licensing Operations Administrator and Mr. Brandon Bouknight as the new Examination Data Administrator. Staff members supporting the Board and meeting participants were recognized.

Welcome and Introductions

There was no public comment.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Nosbisch presented examination statistics covering multiple years, including the number of candidates tested, the number who passed, and overall pass rates. The Examination Statistics Report was provided for the Board's review.

Examination Statistics

Ms. Nosbisch provided the Executive Director's Report and stated it was for informational purposes only.

Executive Director's Update

Mr. Kirschner presented the monthly financial statement and advised the Board that expenditures currently exceeded revenues. Board Members were informed that the Board will require a fee increase and that recent statutory changes would allow the fee adjustment process to occur more quickly than in previous years. Director McClintock explained that financial models were being finalized and anticipated presenting proposed fee amounts at the October meeting.

Financial Monthly Statement

The licensee counts as of July 1, 2026:
Auctioneers: 892
Auctioneer Firms: 206

Licensed Population

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation will host its Board Member Training Conference on October 22–23, 2026, at the Conference Center located at 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Board members were advised that Save the Date notifications had been distributed via email and that additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Board Member Training Conference

Board members participated in training covering regulatory board responsibilities, conflict-of-interest requirements, public meeting procedures, disciplinary processes, and other governance requirements under Virginia law. Mr. Kirschner provided the training to ensure Board members understand their duties and responsibilities as members of a public regulatory body.

Board Member Training

Skyler Edwards, Free Williams, Brandon Bouknight, Eric Beidel and Greg Emerson departed the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Departure of DPOR Staff

Conflict of Interest forms and travel vouchers were completed by all board members present.

Conflict of Interest Forms / Travel Vouchers

The Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Recess

Ramona Norris and Bianca Mountford departed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**Departure of
DPOR Staff**

Ms. Bennett, Chair, arrived at 11:35 a.m. and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**Arrival of Board
Meeting**

At 11:40 a.m., three Board members were present, constituting a quorum to conduct official Board business.

**Determination of
Quorum**

Mr. Puffenbarger moved to approve the agenda as amended.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Amendments:

- Before the date, Wednesday should be amended to read Tuesday
- Under Case File Item A. I. should be amended to read IFF- 2026-01022 - Coxton, Johnny D. (Jackson-Bailey)

Ms. Smith-Mackey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bennett, Puffenbarger, and Smith-Mackey.

Mr. Puffenbarger moved to approve the minutes for the following date:

**Approval of
Minutes**

Auctioneer Board Meeting, April 1, 2026

Online Auctions Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings on May 5, 2026 and June 30, 2026

Ms. Smith-Mackey seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bennett, Puffenbarger, and Smith-Mackey.

Regarding **File Number 2026-01022 – Coxton, Johnny D.** the Board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the case file, transcripts and exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference.

**File Number:
2026-01022 –
Coxton, Johnny
D.**

No representative was present at the meeting to address the Board.

Mr. Puffenbarger moved to accept the presiding officer's recommendation for approval of the applicant's Professional Auctioneers by Examination License.

Ms. Bennett seconded the motion which was approved by:

Aye: Bennett, Puffenbarger.

Nay: Smith-Mackey.

Proposed Legislation to Address Online Auctions

**Online Auctions
Ad-Hoc
Committee
Meeting Update**

Mr. Haughwout presented the Online Auctions Ad-Hoc Committee's recommended legislative language. The Board discussed the proposed definitions, exemptions, and jurisdictional language.

After the discussion, Ms. Smith-Mackey moved to recommend the proposed legislation for consideration as a legislative item for the upcoming General Assembly. Mr. Puffenbarger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bennett, Puffenbarger, and Smith-Mackey.

HB 1305 Amendment

**Regulatory
Update**

Mr. Haughwout presented an overview of HB 1305 and the associated regulatory amendments. The legislation expands the Board's disciplinary authority by allowing cases to be taken under advisement, clarifies existing disciplinary powers, and requires corresponding updates to the Board's regulations. Mr. Haughwout explained that implementation of the deferment provisions will occur after guidance is adopted by the Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Following discussion, Ms. Smith-Mackey moved to adopt the amendments to the regulations as presented and authorize staff to file an exempt rulemaking and make any necessary technical or stylistic corrections. Mr. Puffenbarger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Bennett, Puffenbarger, and Smith-Mackey.

This item was deferred to the October Board Meeting.

**Election of
Officers**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Adjourn

Betty Bennett, Chair

Laura V. McClintock, Secretary