

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Auctioneers Meeting**

**Meeting Type:** General Board Meeting, DBPR Offices, Tallahassee, FL

**Meeting Date:** March 16, 2006

**Board Members:** Fred Dietrich, Chair (appeared by phone)  
Michael Moecker, Vice Chair  
Craig Accardo  
Donald Shearer  
Jo Ann C. Hill

**Other Attendees:** Secretary Simone Marstiller  
Deputy Secretary Dennis Yecke  
Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
Renese Jones, Government Analyst I  
Barbara Edwards, Assistant Attorney General  
Jessica Leigh, Prosecuting Attorney  
Marc Drexler, Department Collections Attorney  
Mark Reddinger, Unlicensed Activity Coordinator  
Joe Sullivan, E-Bay Representative

### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The board reviewed and ratified 67 application files prepared and approved in house by the Central Intake Unit.
- Secretary Marstiller met with the board members to welcome them to the department and wished them an enjoyable and productive meeting.
- Deputy Secretary Yecke met with the board and gave a brief background of himself and outlined some of the items the department is currently working on to facilitate efficient customer service to each of the boards, including the toll-free number to report unlicensed activity, and making sure the staff is readily accessible to the boards and the public.
- Mr. Dietrich discussed Senate Bill 1486, which details requirements for applicants of auctioneer licenses to obtain fingerprints to detect criminal backgrounds before being approved for licensure. A companion bill, House Bill 423, has been introduced for review by the House members. The language of the bill (SB 1486) was provided to board members for their review. The board members requested a copy of the companion bill when it was made available. HB 423 was provided to the members on March 30, 2006.

- Ms. Leigh provided a case-load report to the board members to keep them apprised of the number of cases being worked in the department relative to auctioneers. Currently there are 45 cases in legal being reviewed and processed by the prosecuting attorney.
- The board reviewed its financial statements for the second quarter of the fiscal year and was apprised that the board is still in good financial standing. The operating account as of December 30, 2005 has a balance of \$241,959; the recovery fund account has a balance of \$767,495; and the unlicensed activity account has a balance of \$27,166. Marc Drexler provided a briefing to the board on his procedures in collecting fines from disciplined licensees who have not paid mandated fines to the board. The board was very appreciative and receptive to the information provided.
- Mr. Joe Sullivan of E-Bay provided a power point discussion on individuals using E-Bay services to sell the personal items of other individuals for a fee. Mr. Sullivan indicated that a requirement of E-Bay is to ask the vendors if they hold an auctioneer license in the respective states; however no verification is performed at this time by E-Bay for an auctioneer license. The board felt that individuals who are selling items on consignment in an "auctioneer" status on E-Bay should have an auctioneer license. Mr. Reddinger indicated to the board that the department is still pursuing the consignment shops that auction items on E-Bay without a license. He also passed out cards to the board members with the department's unlicensed activity toll-free number and asked that they provide the cards to individuals in their respective areas.
- The board was apprised of its upcoming newsletter and was asked to provide information for any related items it would like considered for publication.

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Anthony B. Spivey  
Executive Director  
March 28, 2006