

MEETING MINUTES
Indiana Auctioneer Commission
February 3, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Indiana Government Center South
402 W. Washington Street, Conference Center Room D
Indianapolis, IN 46204

<u>Commission Members</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Appointing Authority</u>
John Kruse	Auctioneer Chair	10/31/2014	10/31/2017	Governor
Jack Lawson	Auctioneer Vice Chair	04/25/2012	10/31/2017	Governor
Pete Shawver	Auctioneer	10/31/2014	10/31/2017	Governor
Julianne Class	Consumer Member	09/13/2023	09/30/2027	Governor
Vacant	Auctioneer			

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 10:10 a.m.**
Commission Members Present: John Kruse, Jack Lawson, Pete Shawver, Julianne Class
Staff Present: Toby Snell, Bradley Repass, Clarence Leatherbury
2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** Motion made by PS and seconded by JC to adopt the agenda
Motion carries 4-0-0
3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** Motion made by JL and seconded by JC to adopt the minutes
Motion carries 4-0-0
4. **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
Report given by Alex James

COURT REPORTER Margie Addington
5. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**
 - a. Wesley Cox AU10900071
Default Hearing 202508-AUC-0001
Alex James appears on behalf of state
Respondent does not appear
Motion made by PS and seconded by JL to find the respondent in default
Motion carries 4-0-0
Motion made by PS and seconded by JC to revoke the license and pay restitution to all victims listed under the Jefferson Superior Court Cause Number 32DO1-2306-F6-714 and pay the civil penalty of \$1000.00 per count and the cost of these proceedings
Motion carries 4-0-0

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Online Auctions

Commission Chair Kruse discusses the Auctioneer rule and online auctions

Nicholas Hart joins the conversation. It has been determined by the Auctioneer

Commission after conducting an internal review of Indiana Code IC 25-6.1-1-3 (Definition) and related rules states:

“Auction means a sales transaction conducted by means of oral or written exchanges between an auctioneer and the members of the auctioneer’s audience which exchanges consist of a series of invitations for offers for the purchase of goods or real estate made by the auctioneer and offer to purchase made by members of the audience and culminate in the acceptance b the auctioneer of the highest of most favorable offer made by a member of the participating audience”.

“Auctioneer means an individual who is engaged in., or who b advertising or otherwise holds the individual out as being available to engage in, the calling or, the recognition of, and the acceptance of offers for the purchase of goods or real estate at an auction”.

It is the interpretation of the commission that the Indiana code, and related rules, spell out what an auction is and that the online auction process is covered in the current code & related rules. It also requires anyone acting as an auctioneer in any capacity, therefore including online auctions and auctioneers, to have an Indiana license.

Motion made by JK and seconded by JL approve this statement

Motion carries 4-0-0

b. Proposed Late Fee Rule

Motion made by PS and seconded by JC to approve proposed late fee rule

Motion carries 4-0-0

7. ADJOURNMENT 11:12 a.m.

Next Meeting:

June 2, 2026