

MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD MINUTES

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Dealer Board was held via video conference with Cisco Webex. The following persons were virtually present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Carrie Ann Baumgart
Charla Berens
Fletcher Flower
John Linton
Kevin Shaughnessy
Luke Walch
Michael Widhalm

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ramona Graves Bode
Matthew Porter

**SENIOR DIRECTOR, SPECIALIZED
BUSINESS GROUP:**

Cory Amend

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Chris Rouze

**DEPT OF REVENUE,
AID, ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION STAFF:**

Chris Hartman
Arleen Criddell Tapanen
Beth Spellerberg
Gloria Breeden
Erika Garcia
Cheryl Morrison
John Opeka
Frank Agos
Josh Dexter
Suzie Karrer

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Torrey Samson
Robert Dodd

VISITORS:

Art Erwin
David Cardella
Matthew Groves

President, John Linton, opened the meeting of January 19, 2021 at 9:03 a.m. Mr. Linton turned the floor over to Executive Secretary, Chris Rouze

AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rouze informed the Board that there are no changes to the agenda as posted. Ms. Bode and Mr. Porter will not be in attendance today. Ms. Rouze informed the Board that today, in Mr. Jones' absence; Torrey Samson will be acting General Counsel for the Board.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

Dealer Application:

- **Freedom Autos #44862** – Motion to grant the license – passed unanimously.

Salesperson Application:

- **Farrow, Ryan #190810** – Motion to table for additional information – passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Ms. Rouze presented the following to the Board:

- **Initial Decision – Estevan Gaitan, Jr., Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #188383** – Motion was made to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and to set aside the hearing officer's recommendation and impose a \$2,000.00 fine due and payable should the applicant apply for and is granted a license – passed unanimously.
- **Initial Decision – Isiah Quinonez, Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #197557** – Motion was made to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and to set aside the hearing officer's recommendation and impose a fine of \$2,000.00 of which \$300.00 is due and payable in 60 days and the remaining \$1,700.00 is deferred and payable if Respondent has any additional violations of statutes and regulations during the one (1) year following the date this order is approved by the Board – passed unanimously.
- **Initial Decision – Jason E. Thomas, Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #149825** – Motion was made to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and to set aside the hearing officer's recommendation and revoke the license – passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Samson presented the following to the Board:

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order – Affordable Auto, Inc. #43586** – Motion to accept the Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order – passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Ms. Hartman presented the following to the Board:

Statistical Reporting – Ms. Hartman informed the Board that we started with 240 cases, 95 new cases were opened and 98 cases were closed for the month, giving the Division a balance of 237 open cases. There were 311 background inquiries performed.

Affidavit of Probable Cause:

- **Hector R. Verdin, Jr., SP #192163** – Motion that the Board finds probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Hector R. Verdin, Jr., Salesperson License #192163; and that the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board summarily suspend his motor vehicle salesperson license in accordance with C.R.S. 24-4-104 as he has been convicted of a mandatory disqualifying felony, has engaged in deliberate and willful acts and his conduct poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare – passed unanimously.

New Business – None

Public Comment – None

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

(Note: The Minutes of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board summarize the contents of the meeting. They are not verbatim transcripts and are based principally upon the digital recording of the meeting and upon the later collaboration of staff attendees to ensure that the summary faithfully captures the matters before the Board and the actions the Board took. The digital recording of the meeting is a permanent record of the Board, retained in the electronic filing system of the Auto Industry Division, and is available as a resource for review, as needed.)

Chris J. Rouze
Executive Secretary