

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD
MINUTES
March 21, 2023**

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

Charla Berens
Kathleen Chandler
Fletcher Flower
Matthew Gebhardt
Amanda Gordon
David Guttenberg
Kevin Shaughnessy
Seth Wong

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SBG SENIOR DIRECTOR:

Michael Phibbs

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Chris Rouze

DEPT. OF REVENUE SBG/AID STAFF:

John Opeka
Frank Agos
Gloria Breeden
Joshua Dexter
Michael Calo
Billy Maestas
Rob Urbach
Cheryl Morrison
Jason Stern
Arleen Criddell Tapanen

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Sarah Killeen

VISITORS:

Matthew Groves, CADA
David Cardella, CIADA
Hasanain Alzuwaini
Candace Gutierrez

President, Amanda Gordon, opened the meeting of March 21, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Gordon turned the floor over to Executive Secretary, Chris Rouze.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rouze announced that meetings of the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board are opened to the public and are recorded. Members of the press may be in attendance and all comments, contributions, videos, images, and documents presented during the public session of the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board are considered public open records. Members of the media should direct any inquiries about this meeting and or open records to the Division's public information officer, Suzanne Karrer.

Ms. Rouze introduced and welcomed newly appointed Board member, Mr. Matthew Gebhardt, who will serve as a new motor vehicle dealer member.

Ms. Rouze informed the Board that on March 3, 2023, Governor Polis signed into law **SB23-019 - Out-of-state Online Retail Vehicle Purchases**.

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The minutes of the February 21, 2023, meeting was unanimously approved.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

Dealer Applications:

- **Signature Imports, LLC #45880** - Motion was made to table until next month's meeting so applicant can provide additional financial information - passed unanimously.
- **Zee Automotive, LLC #45855** - Motion was made to table for further information - passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Mr. Opeka presented the following to the Board:

Statistical Reporting - Mr. Opeka informed the Board that we started with 300 cases, 130 new cases were opened, and 107 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 323 open cases. There were 140 background inquiries performed.

Affidavits of Probable Cause:

- **Ken Garf Ford, DL #45122** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Ken Garf Ford, Dealer License #45122; and that the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Courts for a hearing on the merits and that the Executive Secretary be permitted to engage in settlement negotiations pursuant to C.R.S. 44-20-104 - passed unanimously.
- **Jeremy Alan Dickoff, SL #182184** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Jeremy Alan Dickoff, Salesperson License #182184; and that the case be assigned to the Colorado Department of Revenue Hearing Division for a hearing on the merits - passed unanimously.
- **Robert Paul Fisher, SL #178435** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Robert Paul Fisher, Salesperson License #178435; and that the case be assigned to the Colorado Department of Revenue Hearing Division for a hearing on the merits - passed unanimously.
- **Richard Robert Otero-Romero, SL #167050** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Richard Robert Otero-Romero, Salesperson License #167050; and that the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board summarily suspend his motor vehicle salesperson's license in accordance with C.R.S. 24-4-104 as he has engaged in deliberate and willful acts, his conduct poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare and he has been convicted of a mandatory disqualifying felony, which precludes him from holding a salesperson license - passed unanimously.

New Business - None

Public Comment - None

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 9:31 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