

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD  
MINUTES  
May 16, 2023**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Kathleen Chandler  
Matthew Gebhardt  
Amanda Gordon  
David Guttenberg  
Kevin Shaughnessy  
Seth Wong

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charla Berens  
Fletcher Flower

**SENIOR DIRECTOR of SBG:**

Michael Phibbs

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Chris Rouze

**DEPT. OF REVENUE SBG/AID STAFF:**

John Opeka  
Frank Agos  
Gloria Breeden  
Joshua Dexter  
Billy Maestas  
Jason Stern  
Lisa Garcia  
Arleen Criddell Tapanen

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Sarah Killeen

**VISITORS:**

Farouq Yousif  
Matthew Groves  
David Cardella  
Art Erwin

President, Amanda Gordon, opened the meeting of May 16, 2023, at 9:00 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, Shannon Gray.

Ms. Rouze introduced the Division's new Legal Assistant, Lisa Garcia.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 18, 2023, meeting was approved unanimously (Ms. Gordon, Chairperson voted).

## **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

### **Dealer Applications:**

- **Warfa Auto Sales, LLC #45899** - Motion was made to table for 30 days to allow applicant to secure an added line of credit and/or provide proof that financial requirements have been met - passed unanimously.

### **Salesperson Applications:**

- **Williams, Lawrence #185264** - Motion was made to deny the license based on unfitness of criminal character and having been convicted of a misdemeanor under title 18 or any felony - passed unanimously.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Ms. Killeen presented the following to the Board:

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - Audi Denver, Motor Vehicle Dealer License #8214** - Motion to accept the proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - approved unanimously.

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - Clayton Bagwell, Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #192685** - Motion to accept the proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - approved unanimously.

## COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Mr. Opeka presented the following to the Board:

**Statistical Reporting** - Mr. Opeka informed the Board that we started with 364 cases, 115 new cases were opened, and 109 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 370 open cases. There were 375 background inquiries performed.

### Affidavits of Probable Cause:

- **Hauser & Son Autos, DL #42163** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Hauser & Son Autos, Dealer License #42163; 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.
- **Adam LaGrange, SL #187138** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Adam LaGrange, Salesperson License #187138; and that the case be assigned to the Colorado Department of Revenue Hearing Division for a hearing on the merits - passed unanimously.

**New Business** - Ms. Rouze introduced the Board to the Department of Revenue's new Senior Director of the Specialized Business Group, Michael Phibbs.

**Public Comment** - None

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 9:29 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