

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD
MINUTES
August 19, 2025**

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

Craig Fisher
Matthew Gebhardt
David Guttenberg
Michael Hatchett
Kevin Shaughnessy
Seth Wong

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amanda Gordon
Colin Wilhelm

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

John Opeka

DEPT. OF REVENUE SBG/AID STAFF:

Frank Agos
Gloria Breeden
Joshua Dexter
Billy Maestas
Neal Robinson
Frank Macias
JC Williams
Cheryl Morrison
Jason Stern
Lisa Garcia
Kyle Boyd
Arleen Criddell Tapanen

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Sarah Killeen
Angela Little
Sarah Bomgardner

1st Vice-President, Kevin Shaughnessy, opened the meeting of August 19, 2025, at 9:01 a.m. Mr. Shaughnessy relinquished the floor to the Acting Executive Secretary, John Opeka.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Opeka stated that meetings of the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board are open 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 open records to the Division's public information officer.

Mr. Opeka relinquished the floor to Ms. Killeen to conduct the statutorily required election of officers to the Board for fiscal year 2026 pursuant to section 44-20-104(2) C.R.S.

Ms. Killeen stated that Board officers shall be elected for President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President each year during the month of July. Due to last month's lack of a quorum, the elections will be held today. Ms. Killeen explained the election process and conducted the elections.

The following Board officers were elected for fiscal year 2025-2026:

- Amanda Gordon - President
- David Guttenberg - 1st Vice President
- Matthew Gebhardt - 2nd Vice President

Ms. Killeen stated that pursuant to section 24-6-402(3)(d) C.R.S., the Board needs to discuss Senior Director Phibbs' recommendation for the appointment of an Executive Secretary to the Board.

The Board entered the Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter and returned to the Open Session at 9:26 a.m.

The Board unanimously agreed to appoint John Opeka as Executive Secretary to the Board.

Newly elected 1st Vice-President, David Guttenberg, reconvenes the meeting following the executive session.

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The minutes of June 17, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Killeen recused herself, turned off the audio, video and left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Opeka presented the following to the Board:

- **Draft Final Order for Review**
Jose Tizcareno
Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #174351 - Motion to approve the Order and delegate 1st Vice-President to sign - passed unanimously.
- **Review of Initial Decision Upon Default from the Office of Administrative Courts**
Angels Auto Sales
Used Motor Vehicle Dealer License #43282 - Motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, revoke the license, impose a \$1.6M fine and make a finding of fraud so the bond can be opened - passed unanimously.
- **Review of Initial Decision and Determine the Final Order**
Wayne Paul Stafford
Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #209007 - Motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, revoke the license, impose a fine of \$5K for each violation (16 counts) totaling \$80K - passed unanimously.

Ms. Killeen returned to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

Dealer Applications:

- **Gold Rush Automotive #47181** - Motion to table for additional information - approved unanimously.
- **H & M Motors #47144** - Motion to table for additional information regarding ownership of property listed as an asset - approved unanimously.
- **MMC Integrity #47161** - Motion to grant the license - approved 3-2 (Mr. Fisher and Mr. Gebhardt opposed).

Salesperson Applications:

- **Gallegos Perez, Erica Jasmin #217667** - Motion to grant the license - approved unanimously.

- **Hilbers, Anthony #217111** - Motion to grant the license - approved unanimously.
- **Rupp, David Russell #217109** - Motion to grant the license - approved 4-1 (Mr. Fisher opposed).

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Killeen presented the following to the Board:

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - HIS Motorcar Co., LLC
Motor Vehicle Dealer License #39843
BD16-2076 & BD 19-0340** - Motion to accept the Stipulation and Final Agency Order - approved unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Mr. Agos presented the following to the Board:

June Statistical Reporting - Mr. Agos informed the Board that we started with 454 cases, 82 new cases were opened, and 100 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 436 open cases. There were 157 background inquiries performed.

July Statistical Reporting - Mr. Agos informed the Board that we started with 436 cases, 114 new cases were opened, and 128 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 422 open cases. There were 114 background inquiries performed.

Affidavit of Probable Cause:

- **Gallery Auto Auction, LLC, DL #42642** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Gallery Auto Auction, LLC, Dealer License #42642; 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.
- **Good Car Buys, DL #42618** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Good Car Buys, Dealer License #42618; 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.

- **Jorge Francisco Parra Garcia, SL #20539** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Jorge Francisco Parra Garcia, Salesperson License #20539; 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 - Mr. Opeka stated that there is a script in the Discussion Item folder of the Board packet that will appear in the agenda each month going forward and read before hearing any public comments.

Mr. Shaughnessy made a motion to adopt the public comment script to use during regularly scheduled Board meetings - approved unanimously.

Mr. Opeka informed the Board that their annual training is scheduled for next month, which will include the changes to legislation regarding mandatory disqualifying convictions.

Mr. Opeka also informed the Board that there will be an Exceptions hearing in October.

Public Comment - None

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 11:01 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.)

John P. Opeka
Executive Secretary