

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 15, 2024**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Charla Berens  
Kathleen Chandler  
Fletcher Flower  
Matthew Gebhardt  
Amanda Gordon  
Michael Hatchett  
Kevin Shaughnessy  
Seth Wong

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

David Guttenberg

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:**

Chris Rouze

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

John Opeka  
Frank Agos  
Gloria Breeden  
Joshua Dexter  
Billy Maestas  
Neal Robinson  
Rob Urbach  
Lisa Garcia  
Cheryl Morrison  
Jason Stern  
Arleen Criddell Tapanen

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Sarah Killeen  
Angela Litle  
Sarah Bomgardner  
Sue Kim

**VISITORS:**

David Cardella, CIADA  
Brandon Sandberg  
Ignacio Gallegos

President, Amanda Gordon, opened the meeting of October 15, 2024, at 9:03 a.m. Ms. Gordon relinquished the floor to Executive Secretary, Chris Rouze.

## **AGENDA REVIEW AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Rouze stated 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, Elizabeth Kosar.

Ms. Rouze informed the Board that the scheduled hearing for today will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Attorney General Angela Little and Assistant Attorney General Sue Kim will act as Conflict Counsel in the event the Board requires legal advice regarding the matter.

Deputy Director Opeka will serve as timekeeper during the hearing.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting was approved.

## **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

### **Dealer Applications:**

- **303 Motors, LLC #46770** - Motion made to grant the license - approved 6-1 (Ms. Berens opposed).
- **JEenterprise d/b/a JE Classics Automotive #46713** - Motion made to grant the license - approved 6-1 (Ms. Berens opposed).
- **S & D Wholesale, LLC d/b/a/Sure Shot Auto Sales #46788** - Motion made to grant the license - approved 5-2 (Ms. Berens and Mr. Wong opposed).

### **Salesperson Application:**

- **Herrera, Ricardo #24756** - Motion made to deny the license based on unfitness of criminal character - approved unanimously.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Killeen presented the following to the Board:

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - Kaete McKinnon Motor Vehicle Salesperson License #206981**  
**BD23-0759** - Motion to accept the proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - approved unanimously.
- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - All Auto LP d/b/a Stapleton Motors Motor Vehicle Dealer License #41843**  
**BD20-0833** - 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 595 cases, 114 new cases were opened, and 114 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 595 open cases. There were 286 background inquiries performed.

### Affidavits of Probable Cause:

- **Auto Integrity, DL #3479** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Auto Integrity, Dealer License 3479; 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.

### New Business - None

**Public Comment** - Mr. Cardella, CEO of CIADA, assured the Board that the importance of meeting financial requirements for licensure is communicated during each Pre-Licensing education class.

Mr. Cardella thanked the Board and the Division's investigators for their service to the Auto industry in the state of Colorado.

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

## APPEAL OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION HEARING

CASE NUMBER DLD24-0483

TIME AND PLACE: OCTOBER 15, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

***PRIME AUTOMOTIVE, LLC, DEALER LICENSE #46592******ALI JASSIM SULAIS (OWNER) - Applicant/Respondent, appearing Pro Se******Sarah E. Killeen, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, appearing on behalf of the State***

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board deliberated in open session.

After deliberations, a motion was made to deny the license - passed 5-2 (Ms. Chandler and Mr. Shaughnessy opposed).

A motion was made to have Conflicts Counsel draft a final agency order and to authorize Executive Secretary Rouze to sign and issue the written agency order on behalf of the Board - passed unanimously.

The Hearing was adjourned at 11:03 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