

**MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD
MINUTES
November 18, 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
Amanda Gordon
David Guttenberg
Michael Hatchett
Matthew Shmigelsky
Seth Wong

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kevin Shaughnessy

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

John Opeka

DEPT. OF REVENUE SBG/AID STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Sarah Killeen
Angela Little
Sarah Bomgardner

VISITORS:

Melissa Kuipers Meeks
Randy Earnest
Shannon Fender
Will Geise
Dustin Stimson
Adrian Castro
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David Cardella, CIADA
Matthew Groves, CADA
Jamie Lovegrove
Jia Meeks
Scott Chase
Art Irwin

President, Amanda Gordon, opened the meeting of November 18, 2025, at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Gordon relinquished the floor to 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 informed the Board that Colin Wilhelm has resigned his seat, and the Division is working to fill the vacancy. Last week, the Governor appointed Matthew Shmigelsky as a new public member of the Board.

Adjudicatory Council, Angela Little, is in attendance to assist the Board with a matter that is part of the Executive Secretary's report.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 21, 2025, meeting was 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:

- **Review Final Board Order - Verbal**
Farid Zarasvand
Salesperson License #120147 - An Exceptions hearing was held for Farid Zarasvand during the October meeting. Counsel for Mr. Zarasvand filed a motion on his behalf the day before the Board packet was mailed. In the interest of providing all information available, the Board will review the final order during the December meeting.
- **Review of Initial Decision and Determine the Final Order**
Dexter Leonardo Dawson
Salesperson License #212843 - Motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, impose a \$1000 fine, and issue a conditional license with the standard terms and conditions for a 12-month probationary period with the condition applicant has successfully complied with the terms of his criminal probation and sentence - passed unanimously.

Mr. Opeka recused himself, turned off the audio, video and left the meeting.

- **Review of Initial Decision and Determine the Final Order**
Hortencia Elizabeth Tizcareno
Salesperson License #172725 - Motion to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and revoke the license - passed unanimously.

Mr. Opeka returned to the meeting.

- **Proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - Prestige Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Inc. Motor Vehicle Dealer License #193** - Motion to accept the proposed Stipulation and Final Agency Order - passed unanimously.

Ms. Killeen returned to the meeting.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Ms. Breeden presented the following to the Board:

Dealer Applications:

- **Classic Cowboy Automotive #47303** - Motion to grant the license - approved unanimously.
- **Scout Motor Sales, LLC #47344** - Motion to table until next month's meeting. Board requests Scout Motors clarify the relationship that exists between Scout and Volkswagen, inform the Board in which states they are licensed, and what, if any mechanisms are in place to avoid violations of Colorado licensing statutes - approved unanimously.

Salesperson Application:

- **Harrison, Javar Robert #218179** - Motion to deny the license based on unfitness of criminal character, unfitness of financial character and having been convicted of a misdemeanor under title 18 or any felony - approved unanimously.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Mr. Agos presented the following to the Board:

October Statistical Reporting - Mr. Agos informed the Board that we started with 423 cases, 195 new cases were opened, and 127 cases were closed, giving the Division a balance of 491 open cases. There were 298 background inquiries performed.

Affidavit of Probable Cause:

- **Magnum 66 Auto Sales, LLC, DL #43866** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Magnum 66 Auto Sales, LLC, Dealer License #43866; and that the Colorado Motor Vehicle Dealer Board summarily suspend their motor vehicle dealer's license in accordance with C.R.S. 24-4-104 as they have engaged in deliberate and willful acts, and their conduct poses a threat to the public health, safety and welfare - passed unanimously.
- **Ryan David Patrick, SL #209313** - Motion that the Board find probable cause based upon the Affidavit of Probable Cause presented to the Board today respective to Ryan David Patrick, Salesperson License #209313; 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 informed the Board that Policy 25-001 Best Practices for the MVDB has been updated and supersedes Policy 19-001.

A motion was made to accept revised Board Policy 25-001 - approved unanimously.

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Board is for the Division and the Attorney General's office to continue stipulation negotiations using the current matrix.

Executive Secretary Opeka stated that the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board will now take public comments. We welcome you here and thank you for your time and concerns. If you raise your hand now, Ms. Criddell Tapanen will move you over as a panelist and we will let you know when you have been unmuted and may speak. Please turn on your video, state your name and then you may address the Board. The Board may or may not respond to your comments. Personal attacks against Board members, employees of the Auto Industry Division, or meeting presenters will not be tolerated. Please refrain from discussing specific complaints about licensees or alleged violations of licensees. The Board acts in a quasi-judicial capacity and these types of discussions are not appropriate for public comments. Failure to comply may result in your being muted.

Public Comment - Mr. David Cardella, CEO of CIADA thanked the Division for including CIADA in the upcoming stakeholder meeting on December 2, 2025.

Ms. Shannon Fender of Scout Motors stated that Scout Motors manufactures only electric vehicles and does not have franchise dealers of the same line-make in Colorado. She further stated that Scout Motors is licensed in other states as a franchise dealer. Scout Motors does not and will never use franchise dealers in Colorado and has not violated the advertising law in Colorado. Finally, both Scout Motors and VW Group of America function as independent entities and have no rights or authority of the others business operations, including the sale of motor vehicles.

Mr. Matthew Groves, CEO/President of CADA commented on the Scout Motors application for licensure in Colorado and that the association is available to provide assistance if needed.

The meeting of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board was adjourned at 10:58 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