MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR INDUSTRY BOARD Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2013

<u>Time</u>: 1:30 p.m.

<u>Place</u>: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor

335 Merchant Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

<u>Present</u>: Steve J.T. Chow, Esq., Public Member, Chairperson

Roy Sasuga, Public Member, Vice-Chairperson

Warren Higa, Industry Member Alan Nakamura, Industry Member Marie Weite, Public Member

Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer Rodney J. Tam, Deputy Attorney General

Alice Worthy, Secretary

Excused: Swee Berkey, Public Member

Michael Tetsutani, Industry Member

Call to Order: With the presence of quorum, Chairperson Chow called the meeting to

order at 1:34 p.m.

Election of Officers:

Nominations were open for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Ms. Weite nominated Mr. Chow to continue as Chairperson. It was seconded by Mr. Higa and unanimously carried. Mr. Chow accepted the

position.

Ms. Weite nominated Mr. Sasuga as Vice-Chairperson. It was seconded by Mr. Nakamura and unanimously carried. Mr. Sasuga accepted the

position.

Agenda Additions/

Revisions: None.

Minutes of Previous

Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Meeting

Meeting:

It was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously

carried to approve the minutes as circulated.

Chair's Report: None.

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Executive Officer's Report:

In a continuing effort to assist board members in complying with the Sunshine law, the Office of Information Practices ("OIP") has put together a 3-part guideline entitled "Quick Review: Who Board Members Can Talk To and When". Copies of the guideline were given to members for their information.

The Executive Officer reported that Ms. Berkey and Mr. Tetsutani were not able to attend today's meeting due to prior commitments. The Executive Officer also gave a brief explanation as to why the August 29, 2013 meeting had to be cancelled.

Licensing: Ratifications

The Board members reviewed the ratification lists for motor vehicle repair dealer and motor vehicle mechanic licenses. Upon a motion by Ms. Weite, seconded by Mr. Sasuga, it was unanimously carried to ratify the lists (attached).

At 1:42 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to the individual applying for licensure in accordance with Chapter 92-5(a) (1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with Chapter 92-5(a) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:54 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to return to the Board's regular order of business.

Applications

Keelan Eli Yamane - Motor Vehicle Mechanic

Board members reviewed the application and documents submitted by applicant. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve the application for a motor vehicle mechanic's license for Keelan Eli Yamane.

Eli's Auto Service LLC, Keelan E. Yamane, Head Mechanic, Motor Vehicle Repair Dealer

Board members reviewed the application and documents submitted by applicant. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Ms. Weite, seconded by Mr. Sasuga, and unanimously carried to approve the application for a motor vehicle repair dealer's license for Eli's Auto Service LLC.

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Grant S. Sargeant – Motor Vehicle Mechanic

Board members reviewed the application and documents submitted by applicant.

After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. Weite, seconded by Mr. Sasuga, and unanimously carried to approve the application subject to the submittal of additional information to be reviewed by the Executive Officer and approved if the documents submitted do not deviate from the information submitted by the applicant.

New Business:

<u>Circuit Court Judgments and Final Orders Against Unlicensed Activity</u>
(April-June 2013) – <u>Jag Clinic LLC</u>; <u>Pereira of Hawaii, Inc. dba Midas Auto Service</u>

Copies of the April-June 2013 list of circuit court judgments and final orders against unlicensed activity were given to members for their information only.

HRS §437B-23 Certification Program

This matter was taken up with item #9, Other Organizations.

RICO 2014 Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee

The Board was provided a list of members for the RICO Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee for the upcoming January 2014 term.

It was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve the list of members of the RICO Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee and the Addendum to the RICO Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee List.

Other Organizations:

<u>Honolulu Community College – University of Hawaii MV Certification</u> <u>Program FY 2013 ("Program")</u>

The Executive Officer reported that to date she has not received any information from HCC. On September 6, 2013, a letter was sent to Rosemary Sumajit and Michael Barros of HCC and the Director of Office of Research Services, UH, informing them of today's meeting and asking them to provide the information the Board requested on April 18, 2013. They were requested to submit their written response by September 10, 2013.

There was discussion about HCC's non-responsiveness and the impact this trend has had on the Program. Board members discussed whether the Board should (1) continue with the current Program, (2) initiate a law change to do away with the Program entirely, or (3) change the law to Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board Minutes of the September 19, 2013 Meeting Page 4

> give the Board flexibility in choosing vendors to develop and administer the Program. Board members reiterated previously expressed concerns with the stalemate the Program is experiencing.

> It was noted, according to information presented by HCC, attendance at classes has diminished over the years. At the same time license renewals of mechanics has remained relatively constant. Board members commented that it appears that licensees are apparently obtaining test preparation via means other than the Program.

There was discussion about submitting a bill under the Governor's administration package.

After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. Weite, seconded by Mr. Nakamura and unanimously carried to amend §437B-23 and affected sections to allow the Board the discretion to contract with approved vendors including UH to develop and administer the Certification Program. The Executive Officer was directed to request a bill be included in the 2014 administration package.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Mr. Nakamura stated that he will not be available for the

November 21, 2013 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy
Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski

Christine Rutkowski Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of ______.

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