

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, 2019

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Robert Figaroa, Jr., Industry Member, Chairperson
Stuart Lau, Public Member, Vice-Chairperson
Kelvin Kohatsu, Industry Member
Michael Tetsutani, Industry Member
Dansen Carvalho, Industry Member

Staff Present: Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Jessica T. Mullin, Secretary

Guests: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Figaroa called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Tetsutani, seconded by Mr. Kohatsu, and unanimously carried to approve both the public and executive session Board minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting as circulated.

Executive Officer’s Report: Officer Taniguchi informed the Board that they should not communicate with the public outside of a board meeting; instead, have them call the Board office.

New Business: a. Letter from Regulated Industries Complaint’s Office (RICO)

Officer Taniguchi informed the Board that he received a letter from RICO, asking for an informal opinion regarding an incident a

member of the public reported. In the letter dated April 2, 2017, RICO stated that their office:

“...received a complaint from a customer who lost the keys to her motor vehicle. She hired a locksmith who removed the lock from the exterior of her vehicle. The locksmith is not licensed under HRS Chapter 437B as a repair dealer or mechanic. The locksmith drilled out the old ignition switch and replaced it. The customer later claims that the motor vehicle would not start. RICO requests an informal interpretation as to whether or not the actions of the locksmith would constitute the ‘repair of motor vehicles’ under HRS §437B-1.”

The Board discussed the current language of the statutes and how modern vehicles are far more advanced than those that were on the road when the statutes were last updated. The Board plans to revise the statutes to reflect the current motor vehicle industry.

It was moved by Mr. Tetsutani, seconded by Mr. Lau and unanimously carried to defer their opinion until RICO can provide more information around the make and model of the vehicle.

b. RICO’s MVR Advisory Committee Members

Officer Taniguchi informed the Board that RICO does not have licensed professionals for each area of expertise on staff. Therefore, RICO compiled a list of volunteers for an advisory committee that will assist in reviewing cases to see if there are any violations. RICO requested the Board’s approval of the suggested volunteer MVR Advisory Committee Members.

It was moved by Mr. Kohatsu, seconded by Mr. Tetsutani and unanimously carried to approve the MVR Advisory Committee Members.

Old Business:

a. Rule Revisions

It was moved by Mr. Tetsutani, seconded by Mr. Kohatsu and unanimously carried to defer this agenda item until the next Board meeting.

Licensing:

a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Mr. Lau, seconded by Mr. Tetsutani, it was voted and unanimously carried to approve the following ratification lists:

RD 4441 Waipahu Auto Care LLC
RD 4442 Maxxed Out LLC

MC 9047 Dehrian A. Correa
MC 9048 Che Shing S. Chan
MC 9049 Jelani M. Jaramillo
MC 9050 James A. Garcia
MC 9051 Jason K. Perreira
MC 9052 David Halmas
MC 9053 Kamakana S. Neizman
MC 9054 Patrick J. Quinn
MC 9055 Michael K. Saiki
MC 9056 Davenson D. Kamelo

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2019
1:30 p.m.
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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Jessica T. Mullin

Jessica T. Mullin, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer

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[x] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.