

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, November 19, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual via Zoom

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

Staff Present: Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
LaJoy Lindsey, Secretary
Karyn Takahashi, Director’s Secretary
Erin Emerson, Secretary
Kawehi Mau, Secretary

Guests: None.

Call to Order: Following the introduction video and there being a quorum present, roll call was taken. Chairperson Figaroa, present, Vice Chairperson Lau, present, as well as Messrs. Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani. Chairperson Figaroa called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020 Meeting It was moved by Mr. Tetsutani, seconded by Mr. Carvalho and roll call taken to approve meeting minutes of September 17, 2020, Chairperson Figaroa, Vice Chairperson Lau and Messrs. Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani unanimously approved the minutes.

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters : NONE.

Executive Officer's Report. Officer Taniguchi had no report.

New Business: None.

Old Business: HAR Revisions

EO Taniguchi sent rules to all members, but only Mr. Kohatsu responded. The rules are from 1989. EO Taniguchi needs expertise from the mechanics. Vice Chairperson Lau asked if hybrid certification could be added. EO Taniguchi mentioned that Chairperson Figaroa and Mr. Carvalho would know best. Ms. Lindsey will re-send the rules. Vice Chairperson Lau commented that 31 years is a long time. He asked if hybrid and electric requires new certification. If someone is fixing a hybrid and is not certified, they're liable. Some of the language is old. There'll be a public hearing. It's a long process. At this point, perhaps less people would be involved virtually. EO Taniguchi thought that hybrid can be added as any other type of repair in the future. All must be changed by rules. It is the board's responsibility to keep rules current.

Executive Session: IN: 1:18 p.m. OUT: 1:30 p.m.
The Board may move into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals 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.

At 1:18 p.m., Chairperson Figaroa moved to enter into executive session, Mr. Carvalho seconded and Chairperson Figaroa took a roll call vote: Chairperson Figaroa, Vice Chairperson Lau and Messrs Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani unanimously agreed to enter into executive session.

At 1:30 p.m., Mr. Carvalho moved to exit executive session, Vice Chairperson Lau seconded. Chairperson Figaroa took a roll call vote: Chairperson Figaroa, Vice Chairperson Lau, Messrs Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani unanimously agreed to exit executive session.

Licensing: Upon returning to open session, it was moved by Chairperson Figaroa and seconded by Mr. Carvalho to approve the following applications. Chairperson Figaroa took a roll call vote:

Chairperson Figaroa, Vice Chairperson Lau and Messrs Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani unanimously agreed to approve the following applications:

a. Applications

1. Charles RKP Farren
2. Safety Inspection Services Maui LLC, dba Pono Transmission and Repair Services

Chairperson Figaroa moved to approve the following ratification lists. It was seconded by Mr. Carvalho. Chairperson Figaroa took a roll call vote. Chairperson Figaroa, Vice Chairperson Lau and Messrs Carvalho, Kohatsu and Tetsutani unanimously agreed to approve the following ratification lists:

*Note the RDS ratification list is omitted as it was the same list that was voted on at September 17, 2020 meeting.

b. Ratifications

1. RD Ratification List

RD 4454 XI Peon (Phoummaly)
RD 4455 BYD Motors LLC
RD 4456 Big Island Car Care LLC
RD 4457 Rocky's Auto Repair LLC
RD 4458 Transform SR LLC
RD 4459 Transform SR LLC
RD 4460 Kenworth Hawaii LLC

2. MC Ratification List

MC 9105 Race A. Evers
MC 9106 Harrison J. Murray
MC 9107 Malcolm Barsatan

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Teleconference

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ LaJoy A. Lindsey

LaJoy A. Lindsey, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Alan Taniguchi

Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.