

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: August 16, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/94495337739>

Present: Wayne K. De Luz, Industry Member, Chairperson
Steven J.T. Chow, Esq., Public Member, Vice-Chairperson
Byron A. Hansen, Public Member
Marie H. Weite, Public Member
John Uekawa, Industry Member
Christopher J. I. Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Licensing Administrator
Candace Ito, Supervising Executive Officer
LaJoy A. Lindsey, Secretary
Johnny Li, Technical Support
Mia Hoang, Technical Support

Excused: Russell M. K. Wong, Industry Member

Guests: Lei Fukumura, DCCA-PVL, Special Deputy Attorney (“SDAG”)
Dave Rolf, Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association (“HADA”)
Jerry Romano, Windward Auto

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedures and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order: Chairperson De Luz called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., at which time quorum was established. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

Agenda Addition: SEO Ito asked to add an agenda number 7, New Business for the purpose of electing officers. It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Vice Chairperson Chow and unanimously carried to add new business to agenda.

Approval of the June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Uekawa, a roll call vote was taken and Chairperson De Luz, Vice Chairperson Chow, Messrs. Hansen and Uekawa approved the open session and executive session minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting, as circulated. Mr. Caudell

abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Adjudicatory
Matters:

Chairperson De Luz called for a recess from the meeting at 9:23 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: Board members and staff entered the Microsoft Teams meeting):

- A. In the Matter of the Motor Vehicle Dealer's License of Island's Best Auto Care, LLC: MVI 2022-1-L; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Chow, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Ms. Fukumura left the Microsoft Teams meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chairperson De Luz announced that the Board reconvene to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 9:33 a.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

Licensing:

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson Chow, seconded by Mr. Caudell, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 9:51 a.m., pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in section HRS §26-9, and pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. (Note: Board members and staff entered into Microsoft Teams):

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN: 9:38 OUT: 9:54

At 9:54 a.m., it moved by Ms. Wong, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Chow, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

- A. Consumer Consultant Application

- i. Cameron James Hines

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Ms. Weite, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Chow, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Hines' consumer consultant application.

B. Ratifications:

It was moved by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Uekawa, and unanimously carried to ratify the licenses attached (see, attached list).

Executive
Officer's
Report:

A. Ethics Training for State Board and Commission Members

Board members are required to complete either a live session or online ethics training. This training is required every four years.

B. Farewell to Chair De Luz

Chairperson De Luz was thanked for his service to the Board over the years.

Mr. Takao will be retiring effective September 1, 2022

Public Comment:

Mr. Rolf was very concerned with the time that it takes to process licenses. He asked if dealers could submit application prior to the franchise, so there's no downtime. He believes that purchasing another dealership should be seamless. When temporary licenses are granted to car salespersons there is no downtime for the dealer.

He asked if there are internal policies, and if paperwork could be submitted prior to franchise agreement. DCCA will not accept that. SEO Ito advised him that an application may be submitted at any time. If anything is missing, the applicant will receive a deficiency. There's no policy prohibiting one from submitting an incomplete application. She continued that MVD doesn't have a statutory basis for temporary licenses.

DAG Leong added that a MVD license won't be issued until requirements are met. You may file an application and once it is complete a license may be issued. Mr. Rolf shared that one application was missing a photo and it was put back in the hopper. He was informed that the Applications section has many documents to review. Mr. Rolf asked if there is a way of improving the process.

Vice-Chairperson Chow stated that the (dealers) are not getting the franchise agreements. Mr. Rolf mentioned that it takes a long time before being notified of missing documents. He was informed that there is a staffing shortage. SEO Ito suggested that applicants wait for the franchise agreement prior to submitting the applications. Mr. Rolf mentioned the year lease on property. He also shared that there are displeased customers. One can't renew prior to June 30, and if they miss the date, they must start the process over (note: No restoration for MVI licensees). He asked if a resolution can be found. Seems staffing issues are prevalent everywhere.

Mr. Jerry Romano applied for three dealerships in two years. He turned applications in with no franchise agreements and was told that they wouldn't be accepted. SEO Ito spoke with Licensing Branch supervisors and the staff shouldn't be refusing applications at the window. Chairperson De Luz suggested it be worked out internally.

Election of
Officers:

Vice-Chairperson Chow nominated Mr. Uekawa as Chairperson and Ms. Weite nominated Vice-Chairperson Chow to continue as Vice-Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Chow moved to accept the nominations, Mr. Hansen seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Uekawa thanked the Board for their support.

Next Meeting: TBD as there is a staffing shortage.

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

In-person Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Candace Ito

Candace Ito
Executive Officer

9/5/2022

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____.

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RATIFICATION LIST
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MOTOR VEHICLE SALESPERSON TRANSFERS

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Battalico, Kelsea Steele	GAC Auto Group Inc dba Cutter Mazda of Honolulu
Botelho, Randall S	Lithia of Honolulu-F LLC dba Honolulu Ford
Delmonico, Mathew	Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned
Ebia, Iris Lee	JN Group Inc dba JN Chevrolet
Geralds, Darryl	JN Group Inc dba JN Chevrolet
Gifford, Michael	Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned
Kim, Hyong T	JN Group Inc dba JN Chevrolet
Lawler, Iuliia	JN Group Inc dba JN Chevrolet
Lei, Christy	Tong & Zeng Corporation dba City Auto Sales
Levinson, Jack	Tong & Zeng Corporation dba City Auto Sales
McGregor, Frank	Aloha Auto Group Ltd
Menina, Raul	Cutter Honolulu Inc
Nicosia, Giovanni	Choice Automotive LLC
Nomi, Itsuka	Lithia of Honolulu-A Inc
Palting, Jonathan	Aloha Auto Group Ltd dba Aloha Kia Leeward Aloha Hyundai
Ponciano, Eddie	Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned
Ponciano, Eric James	Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned
Reed II, Clifton F	Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned
Richardson, Von	Windward Auto Group LLC dba Windward Dodge Chrysler Jeep

Rodgers, Quinten

Jerry V's Honolulu Pre-owned

MAUI COUNTY

Ehia Jr, Jim M

Kihei Auto Sales Inc

HAWAII COUNTY

Sadang, Mark A G

Big Island Toyota Inc

MOTOR VEHICLE SALESPERSON LICENSES

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

CS-20758-0	KELVIN LU	RAINBOW CHEVROLET INC
CS-20759-0	ESTHER AFOAKWA	MICHAEL N AFOAKWA
CS-20760-0	RENITA NORMAN	CHOICE AUTOMOTIVE LLC
CS-20762-0	SCOTT A NAKAOKA	GAC AUTO GROUP INC
CS-20763-0	DARWIN B BILLA	ALOHA AUTO GROUP LTD
CS-20767-0	TANYA LOPES	TONY HAWAII AUTOMOTIVE GROUP LLC
CS-20768-0	GARIKK M HIGA	TONY HAWAII AUTOMOTIVE GROUP LLC
CS-20770-0	BRANDON L CHADWELL	TONY HAWAII AUTOMOTIVE GROUP LLC
CS-20772-0	MU L YANG	ALOHA AUTO GROUP LTD
CS-20773-0	PRESTON RUFFATTI	LITHIA OF HONOLULU-F LLC
CS-20777-0	KYREE Y SCOTT	CAR DEPOT LLC
CS-20778-0	RELYNDA A WEIRES	CAR DEPOT LLC
CS-20780-0	JAMES J YOO	HAWAII NISSAN INC
CS-20781-0	MALAMA HE'OLITA HONOLULU TONGA	YI-SUN CHIU COMPANY INC
CS-20783-0	NICKOLAI DYLAN T BROWNE	JN GROUP INC
CS-20784-0	GIANFRANCO A GONZALES	CARLOT HAWAII LLC
CS-20785-0	NOAH M K HOLBRON	LITHIA OF HONOLULU-V LLC
CS-20786-0	TAYLOR N AVON	JN GROUP INC
CS-20787-0	SEINI L PASINA	YI-SUN CHIU COMPANY INC

CS-20788-0	CLEO K WADA	YI-SUN CHIU COMPANY INC
CS-20790-0	COLIN M VILORIA	LITHIA OF HONOLULU-BGMCC LLC
CS-20791-0	EDWARD JARDINASO	SERVCO SUBARU INC
CS-20792-0	MATTHEW UYENO	WINDWARD AUTO GROUP LLC
CS-20793-0	APRIL J BOLIBOL	SERVCO PACIFIC INC
CS-20794-0	TIMOTHY H PHIPPS	INSURANCE AUTO AUCTIONS, INC.
CS-20795-0	TINA CHLOE MATIAS	JN GROUP INC

COUNTY OF HAWAII

CS-20761-0	DONOVAN ALONZO	IK MOTORS INC
CS-20769-0	MICHAEL G MORGAN	TONY HAWAII HILO LLC
CS-20774-0	PAUL C HATFIELD	PRE-OWNED MOTOR CARS LTD
CS-20775-0	KEVIN CALUYA	KAMAAINA NISSAN INC
CS-20779-0	JASON M YAMANAKA	IK MOTORS INC
CS-20789-0	JOSHUA T BAUMAN	GILL ISLAND MOTORS INC
CS-20796-0	RICHAEL TAVIS K CAREY	DE LUZ AUTOMOTIVE LLC

COUNTY OF MAUI

CS-20764-0	NITYANANDA B GOULD	JIM FALK MOTORS OF MAUI INC
CS-20765-0	ARON MICOL MORALES	SERVCO SUBARU INC
CS-20776-0	PRESTON M WALKER	OHANA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC

CS-20782-0	BAILEY K K OTA	OHANA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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COUNTY OF KAUAI

CS-20771-0	BRENT T RECKERT	ALOHA AUTO GROUP LTD
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MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSES

MVD-1130-0	MICHAEL N AFOAKWA
MVD-1131-0	FIL-AM MAINTENANCE LLC

MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH LOCATION LICENSES

NONE

MOTOR VEHICLE DISTRIBUTOR LICENSES

F-198-0 BME FIRE TRUCKS LLC