

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: December 18, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/82739751963>

Present: John Uekawa, Chairperson (virtual)
Steven Chow, Vice-Chairperson
John Caudell, Industry Member (virtual)
Marie Weite, Public Member (virtual)
Candace Ito, Executive Officer (“EO Ito”)
Hector B. West, Executive Officer (“EO West”)
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Leong”)
Chiara Latini, Secretary
Mia Hoang, Technical Support
Johny Li, Technical Support

Guests: Mohamed Hamadallah
Said Agar

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 procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: Chairperson was not feeling well so he attended virtually. Vice-Chairperson who attended in person conducted the meeting. Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. at which time quorum was established. All Board members participating virtually confirmed that they were present and alone.

Approval of the April 4, 2023 December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes It was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes and the December 6, 2023 minutes as circulated.

Executive Session: At 1:10 p.m., it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite (not seconded), and unanimously carried to enter into executive session pursuant to

HRS section 92-5(a)(1) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in HRS section 26-9, and pursuant to HRS section 92-5(a)(4), to consult with Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General, on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. (Note: Board members and staff entered into Microsoft Teams). Vice-Chairperson Chow proceeded with a roll call of the Board members in Microsoft Teams. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

It was moved by Vice-Chairperson , seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 3:58 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

Licensing:

A. Motor Vehicle Salesperson

i. Fred Brown

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve Fred Brown's application.

ii. Lourdes Millan

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Millan's application.

B. Motor Vehicle Dealer

Vice-Chairperson moved the following applications to be deferred to the EO and Chair for review and approval of requested documents. DAG Leong interjected that it should be "Defer to EO and to the Chair to review requested documents if satisfactory for approval". Vice-Chairperson moved the following applications to be "Deferred to EO and Chair to review for requested documents if satisfactory for approval". Ms Weite seconded the motion and unanimously carried to approve the following:

i. D.K. LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer D.K. LLC's application pending the submittal of: (1) A photograph of the dealership sign; (2) A photograph of the building's exterior in its entirety; (3) An updated financial statement with a minimum working capital of \$25,000; (4) A copy of the master lease agreement between Hawaiian Home Lands and Steve Holck; and (5) A copy of the lease agreement certifying the property is located in a business zone.

ii. Mutsuo Auto LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer Mutsuo Auto LLC's application pending the submission of bond to replace the cancelled bond.

iii. VIP Car Rentals Inc

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer VIP Car Rentals Inc's application pending the submittal of: (1) An updated lease agreement that states the address of the property; (2) A copy of the master lease between VIP Trans Inc and the State of Hawaii; (3) Clarify how VIP Trans Inc and V.I.P Car Rentals Inc share the building space to include photographs of the building with both VIP Transportation and V.I.P. Car Rentals Inc.

iv. Sarte Motors, LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to approve the Sarte Motors, LLC's application.

v. 808 Golf Carts, LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer 808 Golf Carts, LLC's application pending: (1) Verification that the dealer agreement between 808 Golf Carts LLC and Evolution Vehicle, Inc. is renewed; (2) A lease agreement between TB Investments LLC and 808 Golf Carts LLC.

vi. Smart Car, LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer the Smart Car, LLC's application pending the submittal of the master lease between HTH Acquisitions LLC and Yasser Shalabi.

C. Motor Vehicle Dealer - Branch

i. Tong & Zeng Corporation

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer Tong & Zeng Corporation's application pending the submittal of: (1) The updated self-inspection report of the Kilihau location to include photographs; (2) Provide a drawing of all the lots and buildings that will be used in this; (3) Provide a copy of the master lease agreement of Kilihau location; and (4) Provide an updated self-inspection report of all the lots.

ii. Aloha Auto Depot, LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to

defer Aloha Auto Depot, LLC pending the submittal of: (1) Correct zip code; (2) Verification that Christopher K is to sign on behalf of Aloha Auto Depot LLC and verify that Chris K is Chris Koyama (3) Provide exhibits to the lease agreement; and (4) Updated trade name registration.

D. Motor Vehicle Dealer – Relocation

i. D M N Inc.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer D M N Inc.'s application pending: (1) Updated drawing of the premises including the abutting streets; (2) Updated self-inspection report including the description of the restroom and the three display stalls for the vehicles; (3) Current copy of the Application for Registration of trade name; and (4) A copy of the master lease between Robin 1 Properties LLC and Meribah Properties LLC.

E. Distributor

i. Lotus Cars USA, LLC

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Weite, and unanimously carried to defer Lotus Cars USA, LLC's application pending the submittal of the administrative protest pertaining to Lotus Cars USA Inc. in California.

F. Ratifications List of December 18, 2023 (see attached)

Chairperson questioned about a salesperson on the transfer list as this individual is no longer with Hawaii Nissan Inc.. Bryant K Woosley is not with Hawaii Nissan Inc. anymore. He is listed on the 2022 Motor Vehicle Salesperson Transfer List.

Questions/Answers:

EO Ito asked for legislative liaison in case they are needed for the legislative session. The EO needs help to answer technical questions. Chairperson and Mr. Caudell volunteered.

Chanta of Mutsuo Auto had a question via Zoom. She stated that she emailed the new bond to the licensing branch. That is the last deficiency they had to respond to. She asked if she has to wait for the next board's meeting to hear the board's decision. EO Ito stated the Board will review the document once the board receives it. Vice-Chairperson stated she does not have to wait since the Chair and EO have been delegated to approve after reviewing documents if satisfactory for approval.

Next Meeting:

January 30, 2024. More details will be provided

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairperson Chow adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

/s/ Candace Ito
Candace Ito,
Supervising Executive Officer

Taken by:

/s/ Hector West
Hector West,
Executive Officer

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04/04/24

Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____