

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 29, 2012

Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Present: Steve J.T. Chow, Esq., Public Member, Chairperson  
Roy Sasuga, Public Member, Vice-Chairperson  
Swee Berkey, Public Member  
Warren Higa, Industry Member  
Alan Nakamura, Industry Member  
Michael Tetsutani, Industry Member

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

Guests: None.

Call to Order: With the presence of quorum, Chairperson Chow called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Agenda Additions/  
Revisions: None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the September 27, 2012 Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Mr. Tetsutani, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as circulated.

Chair's Report: None.

Executive Officer's Report: The Executive Officer reported that an orientation for all board members was held in October at the state capitol. Representatives from various state agencies attended and provided information relative to the board members and their duties.

Mr. Higa attended the orientation and was asked to give a brief report. Mr. Higa stated that he enjoyed the orientation and presentations by the various state agencies, and found the report on the sunshine law and examples of what board members can and cannot do interesting. Overall, he found the orientation interesting as well as informative.

The Chair stated that he had attended a similar orientation last year and found it to be very interesting. It was a good learning experience, and gave him a chance to meet other board members. The Chair stated that it would have been good if the other members could have attended.

Due to conflicting schedules and other commitments, many board members were not able to attend the session.

The Executive Officer stated that the session was taped and will be made available in the near future for viewing by those members who were not able to attend the orientation. Members were encouraged to view the tape when it becomes available.

Licensing:

Ratifications

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

Applications

- Sonoda Brothers, LLC – Salvage Repair Dealer
- Thunder Alley Automotive, LLC – Salvage Repair Dealer

The Executive Officer explained that applications for salvage repair dealers normally do not come before the Board for review and approval. Normally, a RICO investigator is accompanied by a member of the RICO Motor Vehicle Repair Advisory Committee to assist in the inspection of the facility and equipment.

In these two cases, because there are no advisory committee members on the islands of Kauai and Hawaii, the RICO investigators inspected the facilities and equipment on their own and submitted their reports and photos.

The Executive Officer stated that she had checked with other repair dealers on Kauai and the Big Island to assist the RICO investigators, but her attempts were unsuccessful.

The following options were discussed on how to handle these two applications and future applications in the event this should happen again: (1) the Executive Officer to review and approve the applications, (2) RICO to consult with an advisory committee member or (3) the Board to review and approve the applications.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Board should review and approve the applications. The two licensee industry members were asked to review the applications and photos.

It was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Mr. Higa, and unanimously carried that based on RICO's investigations and review of the documents, the applications for a salvage repair dealers license for Sonoda Brothersd, LLC and Thunder Alley Automotive, LLC be approved.

New Business:                    Is a License Required to Convert a Vehicle from Gas to Electric?

There was a brief discussion on this issue. Deputy Attorney General Tam cited the definition of repair of motor vehicles under §437B-1, HRS.

It was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Mr. Nakamura, and unanimously carried that based on the limited information submitted, it was determined that a license is required under the definition of "repair of motor vehicles" as set forth under §437B-1, HRS.

Other                                    Honolulu Community College – University of Hawaii MV Certification  
Organizations:                    Program FY 2013 ("Program")

The Chair gave a brief overview of the presentation made by Mr. Barros of the Halawai online program at the last meeting. The presentation showed how a class would be conducted via distance learning. Members were impressed with the presentation and favor a program that can be offered both in classroom and via distance learning.

There was discussion on whether the Board should continue with the Program as is, or offer the students the option of attending the traditional classroom setting and/or distance learning. What would the cost be with offering the two options?

It was stated that the goal for the licensees is to pass the ASE exam. Study materials can be viewed online or from the ASE website. As a result, the number of students attending a class have diminished over the years.

It was suggested that maybe the students should be given the option to either attend class in the traditional setting or via distance learning at a reasonable cost to the student. This would provide the student with more flexibility. It was noted that in the classroom setting enrollment fluctuates, so the numbers will determine whether the Board should continue with the Program or not.

It was decided to continue working with the current contract through 2014, at which time the Board will determine whether it will continue with the Program.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sasuga, seconded by Mr. Nakamura, and unanimously carried to authorize UH to utilize the Halawai program and provide the students the option to either use the Halawai program via distance learning or attend the traditional classroom setting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17, 2013  
1:30 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Alice Worthy

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Alice Worthy, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Christine Rutkowski

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Christine Rutkowski  
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

LTYPE	LIC NUM	BP NAME PART 1
RD	4195	TIMOTHY <LUNSON<
RD	4196	VOYAGER CORPORATION
RD	4197	CAMPOS AUTO BODY & TOWING INC
RD	4198	ISLAND PROPERTIES INVESTMENTS LLC
RD	4199	MARY ANN <PERREIRA<
RD	4200	HONOLULU AUTOWORKS LLC
RD	4201	KALAWE'S AUTO REPAIR LLC

MC	8502	CHRISTOPHER K <AUKAI<
MC	8503	JOHNSON <KHAMPHANNOURITH<
MC	8504	MICHAEL N <AFOAKWA<
MC	8505	MATTHEW J <FARRELL<
MC	8506	JANSEN C K <COCKETT<
MC	8507	ARTHUR J <HONG<
MC	8508	TED T <TAKANE<
MC	8509	THOMAS R <VERMETTE<
MC	8510	ALLAN <MACHAN<