

Meeting Summary
Dealer Practices Committee
Monday May 10, 2021

Chairman Ron Kody called the Dealer Practices Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was conducted virtually using the GoToMeeting video conferencing application. Present were Committee members: Steve Farmer, Rob Fisher, Randy Harris, Geoff Malloy, Chris Maher, Mark Riblett, Senior Saghafi and Andrew Wiley. (Absent: Michael Bor, Liza Borches, Gardner Britt). Other Board members present: Rick Holcomb, Dan Banister, David Duncan, Dennis Ellmer, Maurice Slaughter, Don Sullivan. Executive Director William Childress, Rick Sipe and Ann Majors represented the Dealer Board. Christian Parrish represented the Attorney General's office.

The March 8, 2021 meeting summary was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

TABLED ISSUE: Abraham's Autos and Mildred Bruce. On February 23, 2021, an informal fact-finding conference was conducted to address the alleged violations of VA Code Sections 46.2-1529, 46.2-1537, 46.2-1539 and 46.2-1575 (2). Based on the information provided at the conference, the hearing officer recommended assessing a civil penalty of \$4,750 and revocation of all licenses and certificates.

Motion was made by Chris Maher to reduce the civil penalty to \$2,375 and revocation of all licenses and certificates. Rob Fisher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – No old business from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Action: Formal Hearing:

Virginia Auto Sales, LLC and Muhammad Junaid Bashir. Historical Overview leading up to the formal hearing: On November 10, 2020, an informal fact-finding conference was conducted to address the alleged violations of VA Code Sections 46.2-1500 and 1529. Based on the information provided at the conference, the hearing officer recommended assessing a civil penalty of \$250

and a satisfactory inspection within 90 days. At the January 11, 2021 Committee and Full Board Meetings, the Board adopted a resolution assessing a civil penalty of \$250 and a satisfactory inspection on or before April 11, 2021. On February 5, 2021, Mr. Bashir appealed for a formal hearing. On March 3, 2021, a formal hearing was conducted to address the alleged violations listed above. Based on the information provided at the hearing, the hearing officer recommended assessing a civil penalty of \$250 and a satisfactory inspection within 90 days.

Mr. Bashir participated and spoke on his own behalf.

Motion was made by Chris Maher to accept the hearing officer's recommendation of assessing a \$250 civil penalty and a satisfactory inspection within 90 days. Rob Fisher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – No new business from the floor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on July 12, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.