

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA USED MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission convened its monthly Regular Commission Meeting at 9:30AM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission, 3132 Valley Creek Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70808. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregory Lala.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gregory Lala led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLLCALL

Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission staff Tonya M Burks took roll call, with a quorum of members present as follows:

Commission Members Present:

Chairman Gregory Lala
Commissioner Darren P. Amadee
Commissioner Jeffery E. Britt

Finance Chairman Travis Brown
Commissioner Rickey Donnell
Commissioner Wedge L. Kyes

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Matt Pederson
Commissioner Kevin S. Delahoussaye

LUMVC Staff Present: Derek L Parnell, Executive Director; Tonya M Burks, Deputy Director; Rhonda Robertson, Accountant Supervisor; Montie Wisenor, Compliance Investigator Supervisor; Stacy Gaudin Poche', Compliance Investigator; Perry Sponge, Compliance Investigator; Monroe Allmond, Compliance Investigator

Others Present:

Sheri Morris, Commission Counsel
Robert Hallack, Commission Counsel

- IV. Chairman Lala makes a motion to amend / rearrange the agenda, to hold the Administrative Hearings and Appeals of License Denials before the Commission's regular business due to large number of hearing and appeal participants gathered in LUMVC lobby. After discussion, a motion was made to amend the agenda and conduct the Administrative Hearings and Appeals of License Denials before the Commission's regular business by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Amadee, and passed unanimously.

- V. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:** Janice Welch, Court reporter was present for the hearings.

1. JASON DOSS, individually and on behalf of AUTO DIRECT, LLC

729 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, Louisiana
Case Number: 2024-345

2. JUANITA GALLOWAY and CLAYTON STONECYPHER, individually and on behalf of O'NEALS AUTOMART, LLC

1666 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, Louisiana
Case Number: 2024-224

3. **HUEY PIERCE WOODARD, JR., individually and on behalf of SOUTHERN STAR AUTO GROUP, LLC**

902 Avenue G, Kentwood, Louisiana 70444
Case Number: 2024-555

The item was deferred to be heard on a later date.

4. **DARYL COHEN and BONITA COHEN individually and on behalf of LEGENDARY IMPORT GROUP, LLC**

10666 Coursey Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816
Case Number:2024-227

Commissioner Donnell moved to go into executive session for deliberations, Commissioner Amadee seconded the motion. Respondent consented to deliberations in Executive Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For	Amadee, Britt, Brown, Donnell, Kyes, Lala
Against	NONE

Chairman Lala moved to end the Executive Session and return to Open Session, Commissioner Britt seconded the motion; without objection the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed Stipulated Order of a fine of \$20,000 to be paid in \$10,000 installments beginning on January 30, 2025; Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner Donnell, and passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Financial Matters

1. **Presentation of Monthly Financial Reports- August 2024 & September 2024**

Rhonda Robertson, Accounting Supervisor presented the financial reports for the months August and September 2024 for review by Commission. Ms. Robertson informed the Commissioners all financial matters are in order. There were no questions regarding financial reports reviewed by the Commissioners. Chairman Lala advised that he wants to get financials earlier for proper review. Motion was made by Chairman Lala to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Commissioner Britt. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously

- VII. **ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Compliance Investigator Supervisor Wisenor advised the Commission of Enforcement Department progress. In August 2024 there were 9 Audits conducted, 2 Notice of Revocation issued, 108 Site Visits conducted, 0 Cease and Desist Order issued, 13 Assisted Title & Registration for Consumer, 4 Violations written, 2 Refunds to Consumer, \$12,071 Refunds to Consumer, 51 Cases Closed/Assigned, 27 Cases Closed/Non-Assigned, 14 Physical Inspections completed. In September 2024 there were 8 Audits Conducted, 3 Notice of Revocation issued, 78 Site Visits conducted, 0 Cease & Desist issued, 14 Assisted Titles & Registration for Consumer, 0 Violations written, 2 Refunds for Consumer, \$2,600 Refunds to Consumer, 40 Cases Closed/Assigned, 25 Cases Closed/Non-Assigned, 20 Physical Inspections completed.

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- VIII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Parnell advised the Commission that staff are renewing licenses renewal period. Meetings were held with the licensing program to ensure licensing program is operating to optimal standard. Updates have been made to the website. The LUMVC will get credit card machines for the front desk area for more convenience of processing. The terms of the credit card processor will need to be renegotiated.

- IX. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Executive Director to the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission certified that the foregoing is the true and correct Minutes of the Commission meeting held on the 23rd day of October 2024.

Derek L Parnell, Executive Director