

# MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2025 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, March 26, 2025, 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. ROLL CALL**

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. Amedee  
Commissioner Jeffery E. Britt  
Commissioner Bradley Saia

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; Sharetha Moncrieffe Accounting/HR; 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **V. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 2024**

Minutes from February 17, 2025. Commissioner Donnell moved to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Amedee seconded the motion, and without objection the minutes were approved.

## **VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **A. Financial Matters**

Sharetha Moncrieffe, Accounting/ HR presented the financial report for the month of February 2025 for review by the Commission. Ms. Moncrieffe informed the Commissioners all financial matters are in order. The motion was made by Finance Chairman Brown to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Commissioner Britt. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

**B. Legal Matters**

1. Federated Mutual Insurance Company v. H and N Auto Sales, LLC and the Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission, Docket No. C-728556 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Sheri Morris informs the Commission of the upcoming court proceeding involving a stolen vehicle that was sold by a dealer and was never able to be titled. The dealer is now deceased, and the business is no longer active. The suit has been turned over to the Office of Risk Management. It is currently pending in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish. The attorney representing Federated Mutual is requesting the Commission to consider a settlement that would be taken from the dealer's bond. Chairman Lala made a motion to discuss the matter further in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

2. Jessica Golofolo v. State of Louisiana through Louisiana Used Motor Vehicle Commission and Perry Esponge, Docket No. C-759161 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Sheri Morris informs the Commission of the upcoming court proceeding pertaining to an auto accident involving an LUMVC compliance investigator, Perry Esponge. The incident was reported to the Office of Risk Management before becoming a suit. It should be a covered claim. Sheri hasn't received an assignment, however, if someone isn't appointed by end of day, March 26, 2025, an extension will be filed with the state.

**VII. ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

Montie Wisenor, Compliance Investigator Supervisor, presented the Enforcement Report for Compliance Investigation to the Commission. In December 2024 there were 1 Audit Conducted, 1 Notice of Revocation issued, 66 Site Visits conducted, 1 Cease & Desist issued, 15 Assisted Titles & Registration for Consumer, 3 Violations written, 1 Refund for Consumer, \$1200.00 Refunded to Consumer, 30 Cases Closed/Assigned, 21 Cases Closed/Non-Assigned, 10 Physical Inspections completed. In January 2025 there were 6 Audits conducted, 0 Notice of Revocation issued, 68 Site Visits conducted, 0 Cease and Desist Order issued, 10 Assisted Title & Registration for Consumer, 0 Violations written, 1 Refund to Consumer, \$380 Refunded to Consumer, 17 Cases Closed/Assigned, 35 Cases Closed/Non-Assigned, 22 Physical Inspections completed. In February 2025 there were 5 Audits conducted, 0 Notice of Revocation issued, 82 Site Visits conducted, 0 Cease and Desist Orders issued, 16 Assisted Title & Registration for Consumer, 0 Violations written, 0 Refunds to Consumer, 14 Cases Closed/Assigned, 35 Cases Closed/Non-Assigned, 33 Physical Inspections completed.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Parnell informed the Commissioners that the commission has been working with the support team of CAVU to get the reports and processes in the licensing department as well as the accounting and enforcements department updated to make day-to-day operations more efficient and accurate. Also, The Office of Motor Vehicles contacted our office at the end of February regarding having not received bond claim payments from our agency since 2017. After investigating the alleged issue, payment hadn't been received since 2021 and an estimated total of \$400,000 is what is being recorded as past due. Since bringing the matter to the commission's attention, the claims that were in the office were processed and a request for payment was sent off to the respected bond companies within a matter of 3 weeks for an approximate amount of \$220,000.

IX. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:** Carley Morgan, Court reporter, was present for the Official Record of proceedings.

1. **BRUCE MILLER and STEVE LEFTWICH, individually and on behalf of MILLER MOTORS OF METAIRIE LLC D/B/A MILLER MOTORS**

7700 Westbank Expressway Westwego, Louisiana 70094  
Case Number: 2025-17

Chairman Lala made a motion to give BRUCE MILLER, individually and on behalf of MILLER MOTORS OF METAIRIE, 7 days to satisfy the five consumers done unjustly by paying \$11,000 in restitution as well as paying the late fees and penalties due. If the consumers' complaints can be satisfied in 7 days, Chairman Lala has agreed to reduce the original fine of \$20,000 to \$10,000, paid within a 12-to-18 month period. If the consumers have not been satisfied within the 7 days, the original fine of \$20,000 will be due immediately. Commissioner Britt seconded the motion; without objection, the motion was unanimously approved.

2. **TORY MILLER, individually and on behalf of MILLER'S AUTO SALES**

1317 Gloria Switch Road, Carencro, Louisiana 70520  
Case Number: 2024-397

Chairman Lala made a motion to have TORY MILLER, individually and on behalf of MILLER'S AUTO SALES, pay the sales tax, penalties and interest due in 25 days, 30 days from the hearing date, March 26, 2025. MILLER is to pay a penalty of \$10,000 in equal payments over a 12-week period. If the fees are not paid within the 12-week period, a claim against the dealer's bond will be carried out. Commissioner Britt seconded the motion; without objection, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

902 Avenue G, Kentwood, Louisiana 70444  
Case Number: 2023-555

During the Administrative Hearing, Chairman Lala moved to go into executive session for further deliberations, Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Respondent consented to deliberations in Executive Session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| For     | Amedee, Britt, Brown, Donnell, Kyes, Saia, 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.

Chairman Lala made a motion to revisit the matter pertaining to first complainant, Leslie Lord's claim due to a scheduled court date involving the matter occurring on Friday,

Chairman Lala advised the second complainant, Ozzie Givens to allow HUEY PIERCE WOODARD, JR. until March 28, 2025, to work out an arrangement to receive payment of \$50,000 before filing criminal charges. If WOODARD is not able to follow through on the agreement, GIVENS can proceed with filing criminal charges against HUEY PIERCE WOODARD, JR., individually and on behalf of SOUTHERN STAR AUTO GROUP LLC, with Tangipahoa Parish.

Chairman Lala made a motion to have WOODARD make do on past due payments for finance loan through One Main on behalf of the third complainant, Thelma Coleman. The matter concerning the towing company is to be forwarded to the Louisiana State Police for further deliberation.

4. **BRIAN STUCKY, individually and on behalf of SOUTHEAST AUTO SALES LLC**  
9954 Florida Boulevard, Walker, Louisiana 70785  
Case Number: 2025-16

Chairman Lala made a motion to affirm the decision of the Commission finding BRIAN STUCKY, individually and on behalf of SOUTHEAST AUTO SALES LLC violated:

La R.S. 32:792(B)(2) by committing a fraudulent act in selling, purchasing, or dealing in used motor vehicles or misrepresenting the terms and conditions of a sale, purchase, or contract for sale or purchase of a used motor vehicle or any interest including an option to purchase. (1 counts)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(3) by engaging in his business in such a manner as to cause injury to the public or those with whom he is dealing. (1 count)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(8) by failing to deliver the certificate of title to a consumer within the time limitations prescribed in R.S. 32:705. (27 counts)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(9) by failing to maintain monthly sales reports. (1 count)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(10) by failing to remit sales tax where the tax has been collected by the dealer. (24 counts)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(12) by issuing temporary license plates or temporary dealer's plates in violation of the law. (3 counts)

La R.S. 32:792(B)(13) by failing to maintain records for a period of up to three years. (163 counts)

and assessed a fine of \$50,000 while paying restitution to the consumer for vehicle trade in payoff in the amount of \$20,718, inclusive to any interest of any interest that may accrual and \$25,000 of sales tax unpaid, inclusive to any interest that may accrual. STUCKY was given 30 days to pay before the bond can be pulled from.

X. **LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**  
A. 2025 Regular Legislative Session

**XI. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**XII. 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 26th day of March 2025.



Derek L Parnell, Executive Director