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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS,
DEALERS, AND SALESPERSONS**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

April 21, 2026

1 State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers,
2 Dealers, and Salespersons
3 April 21, 2026
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Irving Stein, Chairman
9 William Heeney, Secretary
10 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 Mark W. Wolfe, Deputy Attorney General
13 Angel Layton, Department of Transportation
14 Mark Baer, Professional Member
15 William Egan, Professional Member
16 Jeffrey Foster, Professional Member
17 Steve T. Fretz, Professional Member
18 William Metzinger, Professional Member
19 Richard Perez, Professional Member
20 Dale J. Yingst, Professional Member
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22 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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24 Laura J. Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel
25 James Kushlan, Board Administrator
26 Pam Banks, Board Administrator
27 Timothy Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
28 Mark Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-Charge
30 Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
31 Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
32 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
33 Chief Counsel
34 Linda Purcell, Division Chief, Real Estate and
35 Licensing Division
36 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative
37 Affairs
38 Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
39 Counsel Division
40 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
41 Prosecution Division
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43 ALSO PRESENT:
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45 Brian Murren, Esquire, Pennsylvania Automotive
46 Association
47 Zayne Kemler, Paralegal, Government Relations, Myers
48 Brier and Kelly
49 Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
50 Inc.
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2 State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers,
3 Dealers, and Salespersons

4 April 21, 2026

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6 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
7 Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers, and
8 Salespersons was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
9 Irving Stein, Chairman called the meeting to order at
10 10:30 a.m.

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12 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

13 [James Kushlan, Board Administrator, provided a roll
14 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.
15 A quorum of Board members was present.]

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17 [Laura J. Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
18 pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
19 the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.
20 to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations and to
21 receive advice of counsel on certain matters listed
22 on the agenda.

23 She stated the Board meeting was being recorded
24 for purposes of completing the required minutes.
25 Voluntary participation in the meeting constituted

1 consent to be recorded.]

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3 Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting

4 CHAIR STEIN:

5 First item on the Agenda is the
6 approval of the minutes. Do I hear a
7 motion?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 Claggett, so moved.

10 MR. YINGST:

11 Second the motion, Yingst.

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13 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
14 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
15 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
16 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Prosecutorial Division

21 [Timothy Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution

22 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda

23 Item No. 2, Case No. 23-60-001387.]

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25 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,

1 at 10:40 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
2 Session with Laura J. Neal, Esquire, Board Counsel,
3 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
4 deliberations and to receive the advice of Board
5 Counsel. The Board returned to open session at
6 10:46 a.m.]

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8 MS. NEAL:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a
10 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
11 at Item No. 2, Case No. 23-60-001387.

12 CHAIR STEIN:

13 Do I hear a motion to accept the
14 Agreement?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 Claggett, so moved.

17 MR. YINGST:

18 Second the motion, Yingst.

19
20 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
21 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
22 Fretz, aye; Metzinger, aye; Perez, aye;
23 Yingst, aye; Stein, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
25 Agenda Item No. 2, Case No. 23-60-001387, is Robert

1 Mitchell.]

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3 [Mr. Henderson presented the Consent Agreement for
4 Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 22-60-012878.]

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6 MS. NEAL:

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Mr. Chair, at this time, I believe the
8 Board would entertain a motion to
9 approve the Consent Agreement at Item
10 No. 3, Case No. 22-60-012878.

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11 CHAIR STEIN:

12

Do I hear a motion?

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, so moved.

15

MR. YINGST:

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Second the motion, Yingst.

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18

Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;

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Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;

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Fretz, aye; Metzinger, aye; Perez, aye;

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Yingst, aye; Stein, aye; Foster, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at

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Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 22-60-012878, is Eddie L.

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Ruth, Sr.]

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1 [Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
2 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
3 4, Case Nos. 23-60-011278 and 23-60-011280.]

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5 MS. NEAL:

6 Mr. Chair, at this time, I believe the
7 Board would entertain a motion to
8 approve the Consent Agreement at Item
9 No. 4, Case Nos. 23-60-011278 and 23-
10 60-011280.

11 CHAIR STEIN:

12 Do I hear a motion?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved.

15 MR. YINGST:

16 Second the motion, Yingst.

17
18 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
19 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
20 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
21 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
22 aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
24 Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 23-60-001387, is Elias
25 Baladi and Case No. 23-60-011280, is 390 Auto Group,

1 LLC.]

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3 Report of Board Prosecution - Final Adjudication and
4 Orders

5 MS. NEAL:

6 We have five Final Adjudications and
7 Orders.

8 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
9 the Board would entertain a motion to
10 adopt as Final the Proposed
11 Adjudications for Item No. 5, Italo
12 Bizzarro, Case No. 23-60-014003; Item
13 No. 6, Andrew Montgomery, Case Nos. 23-
14 60-003185 and 23-60-014744; Item No. 7,
15 Christopher Texidor, Case No. 20-60-
16 014159; Item No 8, Gary White, Case No.
17 24-60-006146 and Item No. 9, Joseph
18 Lokuta, Case No. 20-60-012290.

19 CHAIR STEIN:

20 Do I hear a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Claggett, so moved.

23 MR. YINGST:

24 Second the motion, Yingst.

25

1 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
2 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
3 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
4 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Report of Board Prosecution - Motions to Deem Facts
9 Admitted

10 MS. NEAL:

11 Next, we have two Motions to Deem Facts
12 Admitted. I'll do those separately.
13 At Item No. 10, Case No. 23-60-018263.

14 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
15 the Board would entertain a motion to
16 grant the motion to Deem Facts Admitted
17 in Case No. 23-60-018263, Michael F.
18 Berstecher.

19 CHAIR STEIN:

20 Do I hear a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Claggett, so moved.

23 MR. YINGST:

24 Second the motion, Yingst.

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1 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
2 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
3 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
4 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. NEAL:

9 Next, at Item No. 11, we have a Motion
10 to Deem Facts Admitted. And I do want
11 to note the correct case number. The
12 case number on the Agenda is incorrect.
13 The correct Case No. is 25-60-009244.

14 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
15 the Board would entertain a motion to
16 grant the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted
17 regarding Khylen Shoffner at Case No.
18 25-60-009244.

19 CHAIR STEIN:

20 Do I hear a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Claggett, so moved.

23 MR. YINGST:

24 Second the motion, Yingst.

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1 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
2 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
3 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
4 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Application Review

9 MS. NEAL:

10 Next, we have three applications to
11 review. The first is an application
12 for Vehicle Salesperson, Item No. 12.

13 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
14 the Board would entertain a motion to
15 grant the application of Thomas Swanson
16 for Vehicle Salesperson.

17 CHAIR STEIN:

18 Do I hear a motion?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 Claggett, so moved.

21 MR. YINGST:

22 Second the motion, Yingst.

23

24 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
25 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;

1 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
2 aye; Perez, unable to vote; Yingst,
3 aye; Stein, aye.

4 [The motion carried. Mr. Perez was unable to vote
5 due to technical difficulties.]

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7 MS. NEAL:

8 Next at Item No. 13 is the application
9 of Danielle Lawrence for Vehicle
10 Salesperson.

11 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
12 the Board would entertain a motion to
13 provisionally deny the application for
14 Vehicle Salesperson of Danielle
15 Lawrence.

16 CHAIR STEIN:

17 Do I hear a motion?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, so moved.

20 MR. YINGST:

21 Second the motion, Yingst.

22
23 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
24 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
25 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,

1 aye; Yingst, aye; Stein, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. NEAL:

5 The last application is at Item No. 14,
6 Marcel Taylor.

7 At this time, Mr. Chair, I believe
8 the Board would entertain a motion to
9 conditionally grant the application for
10 Vehicle Salesperson of Marcel Taylor.

11 CHAIR STEIN:

12 Do I hear a motion?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved.

15 MR. YINGST:

16 Second the motion, Yingst.

17
18 Heeney, aye; Claggett, aye; Wolfe, aye;
19 Layton, aye; Baer, aye; Egan, aye;
20 Foster, aye; Fretz, aye; Metzinger,
21 aye; Perez, aye; Yingst, aye; Stein,
22 aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Report of Board Chairman - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Board Administrator

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[James Kushlan, Board Administrator, noted it was

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probably his last meeting as Board Administrator. He

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thanked all of the Board Members for being wonderful

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people to work with. He noted his enjoyment doing

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the work and looked forward to helping Pam Banks take

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over the Board Administrator role.

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Board Members thanked Mr. Kushlan.]

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Public Comment - None.

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Adjournment

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CHAIR STEIN:

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Okay, next meeting is June 9th. Is

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there any public comment? Hearing

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none, meeting is adjourned.

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[There being no further business, the Pennsylvania

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State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and

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Salespersons adjourned at 10:59 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons meeting.



Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Open Session/Call to Order
10:31	Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees
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