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MINUTES

The Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Justice and Inclusion held a meeting on January 19, 2021, via Zoom and teleconference. Bismarck Obando, Chair and Public Member, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Mr. Obando welcomed everyone and set forth the parameters for the meeting.

2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board Members Present: Bismarck Obando, Chair
 Ramon Alvarez C., Member
 Anne Smith Boland, Member
 Kathryn Ellen Doi, Member
 Inder Dosanjh, Member

Nanxi Liu (Public Member)

Board Staff Present: Timothy M. Corcoran, Executive Director
 Dawn Kindel, Assistant Executive Officer
 Robin P. Parker, Senior Staff Counsel
 Danielle R. Phomsopha, Staff Counsel
 Anthony M. Skrocki, Administrative Law Judge

Mr. Corcoran noted that there was a quorum.

3. **CHAIR OBANDO'S INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Obando welcomed the Ad Hoc Committee Members, staff and the public. He made the following opening remarks:

Given last week's activities and yesterday's MLK [Martin Luther King] holiday, I want to remind us of things we should consider as we deliberate on a mission statement for our work as a committee. Let me start by talking about Governor Newsom's statement that he issued last week after the insurrection that occurred in Washington, DC last week. Specifically, I want

to acknowledge the lives that were lost last week, but specifically talk about why this committee was created. That is to provide some feedback on what could change under our jurisdiction as the New Motor Vehicle Board as it relates to race, equity, and inclusion.

Mr. Obando then read Governor Newsom's statement:

"Over the last few days, we have seen millions of people lift their voices in anger, rightfully outraged at how systemic racism is allowed to persist. Every single day, people of color are disadvantaged and discriminated against. Black and Latino men in particular face mortal danger all across this country simply because of their race. Every person who has raised their voice should be heard."

Mr. Obando remarked that the Ad Hoc Committee's mission becomes even more important in light of the recent holiday but noted the limited parameters given their role on the Board. Mr. Obando opened the discussion to other Committee members, Board Members, and the public.

Mr. Alvarez commented that the timing of this meeting could not have been better. The more open and transparent we are about these issues, the more quickly they can be solved.

4. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT AND WORKPLAN**

There was a lengthy discussion with input from all members on the draft mission statement.

Anthony Bento, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs, California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) and Les Swizer, Law Clerk, CNCDA applauded the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts. Mr. Bento noted that in lieu of "protected class" that "under-represented groups" might be appropriate. In response to Mr. Obando's question, Mr. Bento indicated that he thought the proposed mission statement would be well-received by the CNCDA.

Ms. Doi moved to adopt the mission statement denoted as Option 2c. Ms. Smith Boland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The draft Ad Hoc Committee Mission Statement that will be presented to the full Board for consideration at the February 16, 2021, General Meeting is:

The purpose of the California New Motor Vehicle Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Justice and Inclusion will be to engage with the new motor vehicle industry and its stakeholders in a call to action to reverse policies and practices that have resulted in bias, both conscious and unconscious. Further, the New Motor Vehicle Board, as a department within

the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), will educate, inform, and develop feedback to CalSTA on equity issues relating to the following: 1) the role of new motor vehicle franchisors to provide women, minorities, and other members of under-represented groups access to flooring and ownership of their own franchised dealers; and 2) explore opportunities for women, minorities, and other members of under-represented groups to be considered for exempt executive level positions within CalSTA and its departments.

Mr. Corcoran noted that the full Board would have the ability to adopt, modify or go in a different direction concerning the Ad Hoc Committee's Mission Statement. Ultimately, the Board will communicate with CalSTA regarding this draft but until the mission statement is approved, the Ad Hoc Committee will participate in status discussions.

5. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO SOLICIT INDUSTRY INPUT, TOPICS, AND SPEAKERS**

Mr. Obando remarked that Governor Newsom introduced his budget, but that Governor Newsom has not issued his "State of the State" address so it may be best to draft a workplan afterwards. Additionally, there may be legislation introduced that is applicable.

6. **DISCUSSION OF DATES**

The members scheduled the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Gov. Code § 11125.7)**

No additional public comment was presented.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:34 a.m.

Submitted by



TIMOTHY M. CORCORAN
Executive Director

APPROVED:



Bismarck Obando, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Justice and Inclusion
New Motor Vehicle Board