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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE BOARD
MINUTES

The New Motor Vehicle Board (“Board”) held a Special meeting on August 1, 2025, at Glendale City Hall, Council Chamber Room, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Glendale, California 91206.

Jacob Stevens, President and Public Member, called the meeting of the Board to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Kathryn Ellen Doi
Ardashes “Ardy” Kassakhian
Bismarck Obando
Jacob Stevens

Dealer Member observing: Anne Smith Boland

Board Staff Present: Timothy M. Corcoran, Executive Director
Kim Vaye, Assistant Director and Equity Officer
Robin P. Parker, Chief Counsel

Tammy Bayne, Administrative Law Judge
(left the meeting after Agenda item 4.a.)

Mr. Corcoran indicated that a quorum was established for case management.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Anthony Bento, Chief Legal Officer, California New Car Dealers Association, led the members and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **ORAL PRESENTATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

President Stevens reminded the Dealer Member in attendance, that they may not participate in, hear, comment or advise other members upon or decide Agenda Items 4-5.

President Stevens read the following statement “comments made by the parties or their counsel that are made regarding any proposed decision, ruling or order must be limited to matters contained within the administrative record of the proceeding. No other information or argument will be considered by the Board. These are adjudicative matters that will be deliberated on in closed Executive Session. Therefore, pursuant to subdivision (e) of Government Code section 11125.7, members of the public may not comment on this matter.”

- a. KM3G INC., d/b/a PUTNAM KIA OF BURLINGAME v. KIA AMERICA INC.
Protest No. PR-2803-22

Oral comments were presented before the Public Members of the Board. Gavin M. Hughes, Esq. of the Law Offices of Gavin M. Hughes represented Protestant. Lauren A. Deeb, Esq. of Hogan Lovells US LLP represented Respondent.

- b. IVS NorCal LLC, d/b/a Kuhn INEOS Grenadier v. INEOS Automotive Americas, LLC
Protest No. PR-2856-24

Oral comments were presented before the Public Members of the Board. Gavin M. Hughes, Esq. of the Law Offices of Gavin M. Hughes represented Protestant. Louis S. Chronowski, Esq. of Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP represented Respondent.

5. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION DELIBERATIONS**

Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), Vehicle Code section 3008(a), and Title 13, California Code of Regulations, sections 581 and 588, the Board convenes in closed Executive Session to deliberate the decisions reached upon the evidence introduced in proceedings that were conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11517(c)(2), the Board could adopt the proposed decision, make technical or other minor changes, reject the proposed decision and remand the case, or reject the proposed decision and decide the case upon the record.

- a. **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DECISION FOLLOWING REMAND**

KM3G INC., d/b/a PUTNAM KIA OF BURLINGAME v. KIA AMERICA INC.
Protest No. PR-2803-22

Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision Following Remand, by the Public Members of the Board.

The Public Members of the Board deliberated in closed Executive Session. Member Stevens moved to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision Following Remand as amended. In the second sentence of paragraph 7, on page 2, lines 21-22, "pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act" is deleted. The amended sentence is "Public comments were received by the Board from counsel for protestant and respondent." Member Doi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ORDER**

IVS NorCal LLC, d/b/a Kuhn INEOS Grenadier v. INEOS Automotive Americas, LLC
Protest No. PR-2856-24

Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order Granting Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Protest, by the Public Members of the Board.

The Public Members of the Board deliberated in closed Executive Session. Member Doi moved to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order Granting Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Protest. Member Obando seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

The Public Members returned to Open Session. President Stevens announced the decisions in Agenda Item 5.a. and 5.b.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:51 p.m.

Submitted by



TIMOTHY M. CORCORAN
Executive Director

APPROVED: _____



Jacob Stevens
President
New Motor Vehicle Board