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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE BOARD
MINUTES

The New Motor Vehicle Board (“Board”) held a Special meeting on July 31, 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 3:19 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Dealer Members observing: Anne Smith Boland
Ashley Dena

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

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Larissa Estes, Executive Director, California Racial Equity Commission, led the members and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

KPAUTO, LLC, dba PUTNAM FORD OF SAN MATEO v. FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Protest No. PR-2826-23

President Stevens reminded the Dealer Members 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.”

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. Steven M. Kelso, Esq. of Greenberg Traurig, LLP represented Respondent. President Stevens authorized counsel for Respondent to provide the members with a handout of excerpts of the Proposed Decision, Ford’s Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Exhibit P-111, and Government Code section 11517.

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.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED DECISION

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Consideration of the Administrative Law Judge’s Proposed Decision, 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 Decision as amended. Paragraph 3 of the Conclusion on page 43, lines 17-18, is amended to add "Section 3065" before "warranty protest." The amended paragraph is "Protestant is precluded from pursuing Section 3065.2(i)(2)(G) claims in this Section 3065 warranty protest." Member Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **OPEN SESSION**

The Public Members returned to Open Session. The decision in Agenda Item 5 was announced.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:28 p.m.

Submitted by



TIMOTHY M. CORCORAN
Executive Director

APPROVED:



Jacob Stevens
President
New Motor Vehicle Board