

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR February 25, 2009

Members present: Dave Reynolds, Chairman
Richard Berstein, Legal Counsel – DBR
Charles Nystedt, Metropolitan Insurance Company
Gerald Galleshaw, Representing the People
Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision

Members absent: Dan Coleman, Auto Glass Industry
Paul Kiernan, Paul Masse
Dave Doucet, Rhode Island State Police

Others present: Stephen Zubiago, PCI
Kim Precious, Implementation Aide
Larry Alan, Nationwide Mutual
Jina Petrarca-Karampetsos, Providence Auto Body
Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision
J. Condon, Progressive Insurance
Virginia Baez, Garcia Auto Body
Jose Perez, Garcia Auto Body

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:40 A.M.

Minutes

Discussion of minutes for meetings dated: December 17, 2008, February 13, 2009, and February 17, 2009.

DR: Motion to approve all three past minutes. Seconded: CN. All in Favor.

Commercial Licensing Regulation –3 Automobile Repair Shops Storage Rates

Subcommittee submitted revised wording to modify Section 6 to reflect what they believe was the original intent.

Board and Subcommittee agreed on revised wording and submitted recommendation to the Department for consideration by Hearing Officer.

Commercial Licensing Regulation 15- On-Site Inspection Standards

Both the Insurance and Auto body Industries have some concern how new regulation will be adopted into daily working relationships and have agreed to give the new regulation time to see how it runs and see what problems arise, if any.

Commercial Licensing Regulation 16- Certification of Technicians

RB: Posted on DBR website for all to view. Awaiting public hearing.

DR: Suggested every board member goes on line and read through regulation very carefully.

Color-All

DR: His letter, with comments that were submitted by board members, will be on the Director's desk by Friday. Not every Board member wrote a comment. Will e-mail board members a copy of letter for their records.

LA: May I suggest that when the Board sends a letter to the Department it should be on some form of letterhead to reflect that it is coming from the Board. Will draft something on computer and e-mail for acceptance.

SZ: Counsell for Color-All. May I have a copy of that letter? I would like to inform my client who is from out of state and has been waiting.

RB: I suggest you let the Director see it first, as it may be a public record concern.

SZ: I will e-mail the Director for confirmation of receipt of letter.

Public Comment:

SZ: Commercial Licensing Regulation –3 is effective tomorrow. When will changes take effect?

RB: It is up to the Hearing Officer. I suggest you watch the website.

SZ: These auto bodies will want to be paid for their storage tomorrow.

RB: Once I give the submission, revised section 6 wording, I am sure the Hearing Officer will post expeditiously.

DR: As Chairman welcomed, visitors Jose Perez and Virginia Baez from Garcia's Auto Sales and Auto Body. It is always a pleasure to have industry members attend meetings. Wanted to know if they had any questions or concerns they would like to bring up.

VB: No questions, heard about meetings and wanted to attend. It is always good for business to know what is going on in the industry.

DR: Motion to adjourn the meeting. RB: Seconded All in Favor. Meeting adjourned 11:25 a.m.