

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31, 2007

Members present:

David Reynolds, New Century Auto Inc  
Jeanne McCarthy, DBR  
Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision Center  
Charles M. Nystedt, Metropolitan Property & Casualty Ins.  
Lt. David Palmer, State Police  
Richard Berstein, DBR  
Gerald Galleshaw, Public

Others Present:

Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision Center  
Jina Petrarca-Karampetsos, Providence Auto Body  
Steve Zubiago, PCI  
John Petrarca, Providence Auto Body  
Patrick Quinlan, ABARI  
Jack Condon, Progressive  
Larry Alan, Nationwide  
Rep. Bruce Long  
Greg Gabel, Auto Body Concepts  
Bill Murphy, Davies Career and Technical High School

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:37 am

Reviewed December minutes Motion DR seconded DG with amendments unanimous

DG: Questioned the status of Rep. Long on subcommittee

CN: Stated the subcommittee was comprised of 4 auto body reps and 4 insurance, Rep. Long made 9 members and that it is uneven

JMC: Rep. Long was put on the subcommittee as an independent member, the subcommittee does not vote only discusses. According to tape, the board did not vote on members only the establishment of a subcommittee

DG: Are we going to address the report of the subcommittee on site appraisal?

DR: Next meeting – currently the proposal presented are only on one side

LA: Those were only discussion points from the insurance side – just a starting point

DG: Have the storage regulations been resubmitted?

DR: Noted they had been sent to the Director

RB: The Director is favorable to the storage regulations, however they need a public hearing. After receiving input from the public hearing he may approve, reject or modify the regulations

Also updated the board on the insurer's complaints and the progress the Department has made on a complaint process

Rbot: After discussion the subcommittee decided it did not need board members to read specific complaints since the insurer in question made themselves available to the subcommittee

DR: Stated he had spoken to the Director and had a better understanding of what he is looking for in regards to the on site regulations

Next up certification of technicians – introduced Bill Murphy from Davies Technical High School  
BM: Discussed that the training consists of ICAR curriculum with ASE testing using both theoretical and demonstrations – senior year on site training

DR: Asked if welding was part of the program

BM: All students are certified in steel and aluminum

DR: Questioned how the certification can be utilized in the auto body industry

BM: Canada has technician certification programs, which allows them to maintain criteria

CN: Will check on this

DG: Questioned if we implement a program who would be the enforcer

RB: Suggested the Auto Body Association and noted that the Department does not have the staff

DR: Stated this is important the consumers are in jeopardy

PQ: Should work with new entrants from technical schools and set standards – ultimately we intend to license with the increased fees for an FTE

JP: This matter is serious there should be testing. This is a safety issue that needs to be addressed

DG: Are we going to address the glass installation?

DR: Next month. This is a serious issue we need criteria. Chrysler now recommends that a windshield installation require that the vehicle sit for 48 hours before moving.

JP: The air bag and the structure of a vehicle if it rolls over are compromised if the windshield is not in properly

Adjourn: 11:40 am