

MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: February 24, 2016  
TIME: 10:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Department of Business Regulation  
Conference Room 69-1  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
Cranston RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Reynolds, Dennis Gamba, Charles Rockwell, Gerald Galleshaw, Lt. David Doucet, Al Olney, John Mancone

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chris Hurd, Empty DBR Seat

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Gendron, Kim Precious, Dan Crotty, Randy Bottella, , Kevin Rabbitt, Alex Miller, Lori Moniz, Kevin Lombard, William Walsh

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**MINUTES:** Chairman Reynolds made a motion to pass the December 2015 and January 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Galleshaw. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Department will be working on promulgating regulations based on the 2015 public law regarding auto glass. Any interested party should contact Matt Gendron at [Matthew.gendron@dbr.ri.gov](mailto:Matthew.gendron@dbr.ri.gov) or 401-462-9540 to be put on the auto glass interested parties list for anyone who is interested in attending a meeting on the subject or be notified of hearings. There will be a requirement for mobile glass providers to list Rhode Island address where they will make repairs or replace glass in adverse weather conditions at a shop such as an auto body, auto dealer, or auto mechanic. No change for a licensed auto body shop doing glass. There will also be a training/certification requirement. The Department will have authority to approve training class providers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Regulation Update: Proposed regulations were signed off by the Governor's office and sent to the Secretary of State's office. A few changes incorporated in the final draft of Regulation 4 from comments received including 3 typographical errors. Red line copies of the Regulations available from Matt Gendron. Regulations 4, 7, and 16 will be final on March 17, 2016. Application for Class A should be final on that date also. There will be two different applications and two different licenses. New applications will include a box to check for salvage rebuilder repair. Once the paper applications are updated the online applications will follow.

Paint-less Dent Repair (PDR): The Department has an opinion on PDR. The Department has an official policy that PDR is covered under Regulation 4. So now the Board needs to implement regulations and license procedures for them. Should it be included under special use? Needs to include the storm chasers who come in after a hail storms set up a tent and then leave when job is completed then no recourse a month later when problems arise. Common problems we see in situations like that are in corrosion because they scraped away the corrosion protection while massaging or drilling the dent out. Is there a legal definition of PDR? Yes and looking at the definition in Regulation 4 of Motor Vehicle Body and Motor Vehicle Body Work they both cover work done in PDR. Bring requirements, equipment suggesting's, etc... to the table for the next meeting.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kevin Lombard of Lombard Equipment would like to address the Board. He would like the Board and the Department to know that the welding industry has improved immensely since the Board has brought forward the importance of proper welding training. The welding industry is seeing improvements which has beyond a doubt improved consumer safety.

Follow up on unlicensed complaint received by Department. Mr. Mancone has visited the shop in question and no auto body work was being done to consumer vehicles, but the shop owner was working on his own vehicle. Mr. Mancone was unable to contact the person who sent in the complaint due to the fact that the complainant did not leave contact information. Mr. Bottella believes he has another complaint for the same shop. Matt Gendron would like that information sent to him.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (No matters pending)

Chairman Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Olney. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Kim Precious, Implementation Aide.