THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AUTO DAMAGE APPRAISER LICENSING BOARD

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Office of State Secretary Regulations Division State House Room 117 Boston, MA 02133

Re: <u>Meeting Notice and Agenda Items for the Massachusetts Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board Tuesday</u>, September 13, 2022, 10:00AM

Dear Concerned Parties:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, §§ 18-25 and Governor Charles D. Baker's "ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, § 20" issued on March 12, 2020, Chapter 20 of the acts of 2021 "An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency", the Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board (ADALB or Board) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00AM at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The topics to be discussed during the meeting of the Board will be the following:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of the Board minutes for the Board meeting held on July 19, 2022.
- III. Report by Board Member Peter Smith on the Part-II examination for motor vehicle damage appraiser.

- IV. Report by Legal Counsel Michael D. Powers, appointed to the Massachusetts Special Commission established pursuant to Chapter 24, Section 130 of the Acts of 2021, to review issues about auto body labor rates charged by the auto body industry.
- V. For consideration of the Board, dismissal of complaints brought against a previously licensed motor vehicle damage appraiser Adam Haddad who pleaded guilty to a series of criminal charges in the Middlesex Superior Court in June of 2021. On June 22, 2021, in the Middlesex Superior Court Mr. Haddad appeared before Associate Superior Court Justice Paul Wilson and pled guilty to several criminal counts on indictments brought against him by the Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Docket Numbers: 1981CR00200 and 1981CR00151, which included Mr. Haddad's pleas to 18 counts of insurance fraud for violating M.G.L. c. 266, § 111B. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 266, § 111B such misconduct required the cancellation and revocation of Mr. Haddad's motor vehicle damage appraiser license for each separate offense for a period of 2 years each and the permanent revocation of Mr. Haddad's license in accordance with M.G.L. c. 26, § 8G. On August 3, 2021, the Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board voted to permanently revoke Mr. Haddad's motor vehicle damage appraiser license because of these convictions. At the time the ADALB voted to permanently revoke Mr. Haddad's appraiser license the following complaints were pending against him: Complaint 2018-09A, 2018-08A, 2018-07A, 2018-13, 2018-12, 2018-11, and 2019-10.
- VI. Other business reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of the posting of the meeting and agenda.
- VII. Next meeting date.
- VIII. Continuing review of 100 complaints filed against motor vehicle damage appraisers licensed by the Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board brought by the same licensed appraiser who also owns an auto body shop, most of the complaints have been brought against 2 insurance companies and their authorized appraisers. The following review are complaints filed by the same licensed appraiser and auto body shop owner, against the same auto body appraisal company and the same appraiser employed by the company. The review by the Board will be conducted in accordance with the Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board's "Complaint Procedures" to determine whether: the Board lacks jurisdiction, the complaints are based on frivolous allegations, lack

sufficient evidence, lack legal merit or factual basis, no violation of the regulation is stated, or other basis. During the review, the Board will not discuss the named appraisers or the named companies the complaints have been filed against. The Board will review the following Complaints:

Complaint 2022-52, 53, 58, 59, 63, 64, 66, 69, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 102, 105, 106, 114, and 116.

IX. Motion to adjourn.

	Auto Damage Appraiser Licensing Board By its Attorney,
	Michael D. Powers
Administration and Finance, to	nt by email to the Massachusetts Office of the Office of the Secretary for the Commonwealth IT Services for the Commonwealth.
Michael D. Powers Counsel to the ADALB	Date

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. You can make a request by sending an email to Michael D. Powers at Michael.d.powers@mass.gov. Please include your name and contact information, and the type of accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Please be advised that while we will try our best to grant requests received after the Friday before the meeting, they may not be possible to fulfill, so please make your request as soon as you know you will need it.