



OHIO BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2025 10:00 AM

**Vern Riffe Center
77 S. High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1920
Columbus, OH 43215**

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1. CALL TO ORDER. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT:

Board Members Present:

Bruce Hale, Chairman
Jason Rhoades, Vice-Chair
S. Bradley Bales
Dennis Booth

Board Staff Present:

Executive Director, Michael R. Greene
Program Administrator II, Paige M. Sunnenberg
Investigator, Jennifer E. Johanson
Investigator, C. Craig Robinson
Administrative Professional I, Koreigh Harkless
Board Counsel, AAG, Jacob Erwin, Esq

Guests Present:

Jacob Hamilton, Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR)

2. PUBLIC RULE HEARING

Bruce Hale: I would like to call to order this public hearing of the Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair, hereinafter to be referred to, as "the Board". Let the record show that this hearing is being held in room 1920 of the 19th floor of the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Today is Wednesday, May 14, 2025. It is 10:09 a.m. I am Bruce Hale, Chair of the Board, and I am duly appointed to serve as the hearing officer for this public hearing.

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This is a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments and testimony concerning the Board's intention to rescind Rule 4775-2-04 of the administrative code.

Any person affected by the proposed action of the Board may appear and be heard in person, be represented by an attorney, or both. Any person who wishes may present his or her position; provide arguments and contentions orally or in writing; and present evidence tending to show that the proposed amendments, if adopted, will be unreasonable or unlawful. For purposes of establishing a complete record of this hearing, I ask that all in attendance sign the attendance sheet. Those who plan to testify should complete a witness slip and provide it to Director Greene along with copies of your testimony. If you do testify, please be considerate of others who wish to testify by making your presentation as brief and to the point as possible with a limit of five minutes.

Before testifying, please state your name, whether you are a registered shop owner and the organization you represent, if any. Please restrict your comments to the rules that are the subject of this hearing.

Before we take testimony from the witnesses for the hearing, I would like to call on Paige Sunnenberg, Program Administrator, for a statement.

Paige Sunnenberg: The Board has taken official action to fix this time and place for a public hearing concerning its proposal to rescind rule 4775-4-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The following exhibits have been marked and will be made a part of this public hearing:

Exhibit #1 is a copy of the proposed rescinded rule with a copy of the "rule summary and fiscal analysis" forms attached. The rules bear an electronic stamp verifying that they were originally filed on April 3, 2025.

Exhibit #2 is a copy of the public notice of this hearing. The public notice and rules are posted on the Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair's website.

To date I have not received any written or verbal comments concerning the proposed rule rescission.

Bruce Hale:

This concludes the preliminary matters to be presented by the Board.

Are there any witnesses to testify?

No witnesses.

Bruce Hale: This public hearing of the Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair is adjourned. Let the record show that the hearing concluded at 10:15 a.m.

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3. REVIEW OF MARCH 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES & COMMITTEE MTG. MINUTES:

Motion To Approve: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion To Approve Sub-Committee Minutes: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

3. BOARD REVIEW AND DETERMINATION RE: PENDING REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS:

A. Vote by Board on regular registrations pending from March 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025.

Motion to Approve: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

B. Investigator's Reports – Craig Robinson / Jennifer Johanson

Activity Recap J Johanson

January 01, 2025 – May 14, 2025

· Total Notices.....	248
· Renewal Reminders.....	102
· NOV's.....	148
· New Shop Applications.....	32
· Shops "Out of Business"	13
· Complaints Received.....	27

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ACTIVITY RECAP - Robinson

01/01/2025 - 05/14/2025

Total Shop's Visited.....428
Renewal Reminders.....164
NOV's.....178
New Shop Applications.....18
Shop's "Out of Business".....21
Complaints Investigated.....24
Counties Visited.....44/44

Rhoades: Why are you seeing shops going out of business?

Robinson: Finding help has been an issue.

Rhoades: But it does seem you have more shop applications, so they must be finding help. Where have you found the new shops?

Johanson: Back alley garages, some storage units.

Robinson: I have some shops in rough areas in Cleveland that can't get insurance, so they say they can send the money in to renew, but we're not going to approve them because insurance companies won't insure them.

Booth: These companies come on board that have no investments, no insurance, but they get paid the same hourly rate. Either get it or get out of the field.

Rhoades: I agree and I think it would be better if we have some teeth for these people who aren't registered and aren't insured.

Hale: It seems to be that's the only thing we have in our rules for administrative hearing since we don't have jurisdiction on other issues. Is there a minimum for Garage Keeper's insurance?

Sunnenberg: No, there is no minimum requirement in our law.

Greene: I think the insurer sets the minimum.

Rhoades: It's going to be the state minimum and the carrier.

Sunnenberg: The only recourse we have in our law is to fine businesses that are not registered or not complying with our law. I want to verify the fine schedule the Board voted on in 2022.

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Fine Schedule for Violations

Last Revision Date: March 16, 2022

1 st Violation	\$500
2 nd Violation	\$1,500
3 rd Violation	\$2,500
4 th and Any Subsequent Violations	\$5,000

The Board agreed to maintain the fine schedule previously voted on.

Greene: The people Robbie's talking about have the opportunity to come to a hearing and plead their case or even send a letter.

- C. Attorney General's Report – (Executive Session if Needed) – AAG Jacob Erwin
No attorney general report.
- D. Legislation Updates – O.A.B.A. Executive Director Matt Dougher
Rhoades: Rep Mark Johnson attempted to introduce a parts bill. Duplication of what's already in place. Trying to meet to revamp the language and accountability standpoint to underwriting carriers in reference to OEM parts. The Right to Repair act is in effect. The right to appraise is the issue. We do not have a lobbyist which would help everyone, Rep Johnson will work through that language. The language mandates that a customer has to acknowledge or use OEM at their own discretion rather than making an insurance carrier have the option of an OEM endorsement. It will be an additional signature from the customer and turmoil.
- E. Director's Report – Mike Greene
Greene: Fiscal Year Revenue \$326,555. At the last meeting, the Director's Report revenue was incorrect, but is corrected this meeting. Senate Testimony on 26-27 Budget was yesterday. Trying to get the language put in the budget bill to remove our cap on our fees. In 1997, it was not intended to be a cap, it was supposed to set the standard that a 50% or more increase in fees would need Controlling Board approval. The House Finance Committee removed that language change. Their concern was that the new language didn't need controlling board approval. Hopefully, we've got some names of some legislators that we could speak with.
Bales: Could you send language to me? I'll see what I can do.
Rhoades: Could this Board and O.A.B.A. split the cost of a lobbyist?
Greene: I don't think a state agency is allowed. The lobbyist would speak to O.A.B.A. and O.A.B.A. would speak to us.
Bales: OAQDA and Consumers Council I believe have lobbyists, but they are unique agencies.
Booth: It sounds like it would be a conflict of interest.

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5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status of pending NOH cases.

Motion to issue final default order for Dakota Retherford: Bruce Hale

Second: Dennis Booth

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Neil Chafin: Bruce Hale

Second: Jason Rhoades

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Gary Thomas Fugate: Bruce Hale

Second: Dennis Booth

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Scott J. Mahalick: Bruce Hale

Second: Brad Bales

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Nickolas V Shelton: Bruce Hale

Second: Jason Rhoades

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Joshua Meadows: Bruce Hale

Second: Dennis Booth

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Lou Diamond: Bruce Hale

Second: Jason Rhoades

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for John A. White: Bruce Hale

Second: Brad Bales

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Kevin Ross: Bruce Hale

Second: Dennis Booth

Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Gerald R Shiets: Bruce Hale

Second: Jason Rhoades

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Motion to issue final default order for Tom Arp: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Gavin Blair: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Joshua Perry: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue final default order for Lysmarie Mejias: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Executive Session to discuss new NOH Cases
Motion to move into executive session to discuss new NOH Cases 11:38 AM: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Brad Bales aye
Dennis Booth aye
Bruce Hale aye
Jason Rhoades aye
Motion Carries

Board was called out of executive session at 11:59 A.M. by Bruce Hale

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Dominic Pittman: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
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Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Mike Dibble: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
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Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to George Battle: Bruce Hale
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Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Jushua Dunn: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
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Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Darrion Smith: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Daniel Bowen: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Shawn J Puckett: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Steven Gould: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Elton DeLeon: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Walid Ahmed: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to James Dean Rose: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Eugene Wilkinson: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
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Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Magdy Abouelalla: Bruce Hale
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Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Wilbur S Streeval Jr.: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Richard Ansong: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for failure to register to Robert L Hobbs: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Paviter Singh: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Denise Baker: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Lisa Renea Williams: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Makhmud Saddatov: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Paul Thomas Hvizda: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Raymond Starr: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Daniel J Stotts: Bruce Hale
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to John P Roberts Sr: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Betty Jo Belcher: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Paul Molinaro: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Douglas R Currier: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Michael Lawrence Wiley: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Jeffrey T Thacker: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Larry L Testement: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Jeffrey W Minnick: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Chris C Ellis: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Michael Coil: Bruce Hale
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Eric Robert Claeys: Bruce Hale

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Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Richard S Marko: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to James W Farrell: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Jeremy Alan Strahl: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Ronald Minick: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Calvin E Thomas: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Floyd Windless: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to David L Wagener: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to John Falcone Jr: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Sandra Minarchick: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Rod Tenney: Bruce Hale
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Dwayne Jones: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Allen Bush: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Mark S Ricker: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Christopher L Zink: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Bill Shinton: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to V. Anthony Bartel: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Mark Innocenti: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Randal Craig: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
Motion Carries

Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Nancy Ann Garrow: Bruce Hale
Second: Jason Rhoades
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Motion to issue NOH for denied renewal to Carl L Parr: Bruce Hale
Second: Brad Bales
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7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

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8. **ADJOURNMENT: NEXT BOARD MTG. – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 @ 10:00AM
VERN RIFFE CTR., 77 S. HIGH ST., 19TH FLOOR, ROOM 1920, COLUMBUS, OH 43215**
Motion to adjourn: Bruce Hale
Second: Dennis Booth
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