

# Vermont Vehicle and Automotive Distributors Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2024 – South Burlington

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9.26.2024

VADA President Jack Castellaneta called the meeting to order at 8:45 and welcomed the Board of Directors to the meeting. Managing Director Matt Cota reviewed the anti-trust statement with the Board. Mark Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes from the VADA BOD Meeting held on December 20, 2024. Seconded by Castellaneta, approved unanimously.

Cota reviewed the upcoming Vermont Auto Conference which has 120 registered guests, 15 exhibitors, and an anticipated net profit of \$20k. Cota provided the BODs with the VADA management and financial report. VADA has total current assets of \$940,847 through August 31, 2024, and net operating revenue of \$82,114. The VADA Insurance Benefits Trust has total current assets of \$154,029 with net operating revenue of \$27,412 through August 31, 2024.

Cota warned that the Board of Directors should prepare for the VADA Association Health Plan (AHP) to have another double-digit rate increase in 2025. VADA staff is not recommending a dues increase in 2025. Meadow Hill's existing contract expires on September 30 and is replaced by a new four-year management agreement that commences on October 1.

The BOD agreed to consider updating the VADA bylaws to reflect this management structure and other changes to encourage participation in the VADA government affairs initiatives.

Cota reviewed the Government Affairs Report included in the BOD packet, remarking on what occurred in 2024 and what VADA should expect to encounter in 2025. The BOD asked Cota to review advocacy opportunities regarding the implementation of the Clean Car Regulation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

<b>BOD Meeting Attendees</b>	
<b>Jack Castellaneta</b>	Present
<b>John DuBrul III</b>	Present
<b>Mitchell Jay</b>	Present
<b>Brian Hoar</b>	Present
<b>Mark J. Hayes III</b>	Present
<b>Scott Brileya</b>	Present
<b>Cat Arnold Hassett</b>	Present- BOD NOMINEE
<b>Jane Lowery</b>	Absent
<b>Mike Loschiavo</b>	Absent
<b>Frank Hanenberger</b>	Absent
<b>Denise Alosa</b>	Absent
<b>Robert Cody II</b>	Absent
<b>Heather Pauquette</b>	Absent- BOD NOMINEE
<b>Sarah Barrette</b>	Absent- BOD NOMINEE
<b>Pat Blackmore</b>	Absent- BOD NOMINEE
	<i>Also in Attendance</i>
<b>Matt Cota</b>	VADA Managing Director

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