

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MOTOR VEHICLE SALES FINANCE DIVISION
3017 Kingman Street
Metairie, Louisiana 70006
Monday, May 16, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Chairman Greg Lala.

Present were:

Commissioner Stephen L. Guidry, Jr.
Commissioner V. Price LeBlanc, Jr.
Commissioner Kenneth "Mike" Smith
Commissioner Keith M. Marcotte
Commissioner Donna S. Corley
Commissioner Maurice C. Guidry

Commissioner Allen O. Krake
Commissioner Eric R. Lane
Commissioner Keith Hightower
Commissioner Scott A. Courville
Commissioner Terry J. Fontenot
Commissioner Raney J. Redmond

L. A. House, Executive Director
Adrian F. LaPeyronnie, III, Counselor
Gregory F. Reggie, Counselor
Burgess E. McCranie, Jr., Counselor

Absent were:

Commissioner Randy Scoggin

Commissioner Joseph W. "Bill" Westbrook

Also, in attendance were the Commission staff: Ingya Cattle, Assistant Executive Director; Commission Investigator Supervisors: Mike Laviolette and Scott Landreneau; Commission Investigators: Neil Rogers, Antoine DeRouen, Kevin Broussard, Ben Guidry, Angel Blackford, and Monica Wells; Stacey Broussard, Administrative Coordinator Supervisor; and Angela Flannery, Accountant.

Chairman Lala called to order Hearing #202-024, Mary Battley vs Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services. Representing the Commission was Counselor Adrian LaPeyronnie. Representing Mary Battley was herself and Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services was Kaylin Storey, Attorney with The Truitt Law Firm. A court reporter was brought into record the transcript of the hearing, which will be made a permanent part of the Commission's files. The following Judgment was rendered.

	In the Matter Before the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission	
MARY BATTLE	§	
	§	
VERSUS	§	No. 2021-024
	§	
WESTLAKE SERVICES, LLC, OF CALIFORNIA DBA WESTLAKE FINANCIAL SERVICES	§	

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT

On May 16, 2022, the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission (the "**Commission**") held a hearing on the complaint filed by Mary Battley against Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services in the above captioned.

APPEARANCES:

Mary Battley, representing herself (*pro se*); and

Kaylin K. Storey, attorney at law with The Truitt Law Firm, L.L.C. on behalf of Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services.

Considering the pleadings, the testimony adduced at trial, the receipt of documentary evidence admitted into the record, the applicable law, and the arguments of Mary Battley and Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services, and for reasons orally assigned, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, and enters the following judgment:

FINDING OF FACT

1. Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services (lender) financed Mary Battley's (borrower) purchase of a motor vehicle.
2. Mary Battley had possession of the motor vehicle for four (4) months, having paid four (4) monthly installments to Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services (lender) .
3. Mary Battley ceased making payments on her vehicle after payment of the fourth (4th) monthly installment.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Mary Battley failed to carry her burden of proving her claim that it was more probable than not that Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services violated any law, or rule, or regulation administered by the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission ins the reporting of a deficiency owed by Mary Battley in connection with a loan whose proceeds were used to purchase a motor vehicle.

JUDGMENT

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the above-captioned Complaint filed by Mary Battley against Westlake Services, LLC, of California DBA Westlake Financial Services be and is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Judgment read and rendered on May 16, 2022 in Metairie, Louisiana.

Judgment signed this ____ day of _____, 2022.

**Gregory Lala, Chairman
Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission**

At this time, Counselor LaPeyronnie reported to the Commission Members regarding the on-going litigation of Joseph Larocca and Larocca Auto Sales, Inc. (24th Judicial District Court, Petition for Judicial Review)

A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Lala called for a reading of the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Hightower made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Commissioner Krake seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Executive Director was directed to include in these minutes the following excerpt from the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission meeting immediately preceding this meeting.

“Chairman Lala asked for a review of the March and April financial statements of the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission, Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Division, copies of which were before each Commission Member. Commissioner Lane made a motion to accept the March and April financial statements as presented and incorporate into these minutes. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Krake and it was unanimously approved.”

Chairman Lala called for a review of the motor vehicle sales finance licenses issued.

The Executive Director reported the applications and supporting documentation were in order for the following initial motor vehicle sales finance applicants.

<i>SALES FINANCE COMPANY</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>LIC. #</i>
Car Cabana, LLC	New Orleans, Louisiana	#SF-2021-01346
CIS Financial Services, Inc. DBA CIS Home Loans DBA CIS Moving Home	Hamilton, Alabama	#SF-2021-01347
HD Pay Here Auto Sales LLC	Denham Springs, Louisiana	#SF-2021-01348
CarMax Business Services, LLC DBA CarMax Auto Finance	Kennesaw, Georgia	#SF-2022-01217
Hood Auto Group of Hammond, LLC DBA Hood Preowned	Hammond, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01227
Calvin Jr. Autoplex Pre-Owned of Natchitoches, LLC	Natchitoches, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01229
Gulfco of Louisiana, LLC DBA Tower Loan of Blanchard	Blanchard, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01233
Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc.	Las Vegas, Nevada	#SF-2022-01240
Bruno's Northshore Investments, L.L.C. DBA Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley Davidson	Slidell, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01250
JW Martin Enterprises, LLC DBA LA Auto Sales	West Monroe, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01259
Brusly Dealer Inc.	Brusly, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01260
Ruston Tractor, Inc. DBA Bayou Kubota	Bossier City, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01261
Serenity Auto House, LLC	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01262
Jimmy Granger's Used Cars, LLC	Bossier City, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01263
Regional Finance Company Of Louisiana, LLC DBA Regional Finance	Greer, South Carolina	#SF-2022-01264
Extreme Cars & Trucks, LLC	West Monroe, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01266
Yarbrough Enterprises, LLC DBA Fullers Elite	West Monroe, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01268
Wene Automotive LLC	Metairie, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01269
MG Motors LLC	Maurice, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01270
318 Auto, LLC	Shreveport, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01271
Benson Motor Company DBA CBD Pre-Owned Cars of NO	New Orleans, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01272

Griffey Investments LLC DBA WJF Investments	Zachary, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01273
Lendmark Financial Services, LLC	Shreveport, Louisiana	#SF-2022-01274

Commissioner Stephen Guidry made a motion to ratify the motor vehicle sales finance licenses issued to these initial motor vehicle sales finance applicants. Commissioner Redmond seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Lala called for a review of the GAP Administrator license issued.

The Executive Director reported the application and supporting documentation were in order for the following initial GAP Administrator applicant.


GAP ADMINISTRATOR	CITY	LIC. #
Capital Administrative Professionals, LLC	Dublin, Ohio	#GA-2022-00159

Commissioner Stephen Guidry made a motion to ratify the GAP Administrator licenses issued to this initial GAP Administrator applicants. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Lala called for a review of the licenses issued. Commissioner Stephen Guidry made a motion to ratify the licenses issued: Sales Finance, #SF-2021-01346 through #SF-2021-01348, #SF-2022-01217 through #SF-2022-01274; GAP Administrators, #GA-2022-00158 through #GA-2022-00159; GAP Administrator agents, #GAA-2021-00167 through #GAA-2021-00173, #GAA-2022-00141 through #GAA-2022-00158. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Executive Director reported on routine matters being handled by the staff and not requiring action by the Commission at this time.

There being no further business, Commissioner Stephen Guidry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Maurice Guidry seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.



 Chairman Lala



 Executive Director