

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

May 10, 2007

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
 - The Chair reported that regarding the scheduled Commission appeal, an adjournment had been granted to the respondent's attorney in the *TLC v. Elbstamey* case, and therefore consideration of that appeal had been re-scheduled to the June meeting. (Tr. p. 3).
 - The Chair reported that the clean air and accessible taxicab sticker designers planned tentatively to present the design to the Commission at the June meeting. (Tr. p. 3).
 - The Chair reported that Mayor Bloomberg released PlaNYC, a comprehensive strategic plan for sustainability in New York City. He congratulated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Doctoroff, Commissioner Weinshall, and all staff that worked on the plan. He reported that the TLC would be involved in achieving the air quality goals including reducing citywide emissions by 9% by 2017. Items that involve the TLC include a sales tax waiver for fuel-efficient vehicles, anti-idling technology for vehicles, and planned goals to improve the fuel efficiency of taxicab and for-hire vehicles over the next ten years. The staff will present a comprehensive implementation plan at the June meeting, and the TLC will begin an outreach and awareness campaign. (Tr. pp. 3-9).
 - The Chair thanked the Design Trust for their hard work on Taxi '07 week events. He reported that the TLC was reviewing the final draft of the master plan, and that it would be formally presented at a future Commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 9-10).
 - The Chair reported that outreach on taxicab technology customer service enhancements continued, and thanked the staff for their work on this initiative. (Tr. pp. 10-13).

- The Chair reported that on April 26th he testified at a City Council hearing against a mandate to paint all commuter vans orange, and that the testimony was on the TLC website. (Tr. p.13).
 - The Chair reported that the TLC released three requests for information on mobility seats and hearing enhancement technology. He also reported that the Toyota Sienna accessible vehicle was approved to be retrofitted for a pilot program. (Tr. pp. 13-14).
 - The Chair reported that the next two Commission meetings were tentatively scheduled for June 14 and July 12. At those meetings, proposed rules for medallion auctions, taxicab markings and designs, paratransit, and medallion transfer and escrow were tentatively scheduled for public hearings. (Tr. pp.13-16).
 - The Chair congratulated First Deputy Commissioner Andrew Salkin on the birth of his son, Levi Joseph. (Tr. pp. 15-16).
2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2007 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Weinshall. It was seconded by Commissioner Dear, and passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 16).
3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

NEW (1)

Bangla Car & Limo. Service Inc. B02183

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (21)

18 th Avenue Private Car Service Inc.	B00481
Accord Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B01514
Broadway Car Service Inc.	B02090
Century Car Service Inc.	B01679
Community Quisqueya	B00900
G.A.L. Limo. Services Inc.	B01231
Glory Car & Limousine Service	B02032
Hoyt Limousine & Car Service	B01506
Kiss Car Service Inc.	B00647
Llama Limo. Car Service Corp.	B00811
Mega Car Service	B01498
Metro Car Service Corp. D/b/a Metroline Car Service	B01534
Munkacs Car Service Ltd.	B01559
New York Limousine & Car Service	B01200
R & N Car Service Inc. D/b/a Nick's Car Service	B01600
St. Albans Hollis Car Service	B01958
STM Enterprises, Inc. D/b/a Java Car & Limousine Service	B01522
SIWR, Inc. D/b/a Wadsworth Car Service	B01186

Transportation Unlimited	B00037
U-Need Car Service	B01126
V & M Transportation Corp. D/b/a Empire Car & Limousine Service	B01394
<u>RENEWAL & RELOCATION (1)</u>	
Lake One Inc. D/b/a Clove Lake Cars	B01268
Easyride Car Service Inc.	B02021
Ocean Car Service Inc. D/b/a Beach Car Service	B01694
Sun Fat Tat Express Corp	B00977
The following bases were recommended for denial:	
<u>DENIALS (3):</u>	
B.K.F. Car Service Inc.	B02083
Flushing Express Car Service	B01497
Spirit Car & Limousine Service	B02182

(Tr. pp. 16-19).

4. Commissioner Weinshall made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 18).
5. Chairman Daus made a motion to deny all of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polanco, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 19).
6. Ira Goldstein, Chief of Staff, delivered a presentation on the taxi technology system implementation. (Tr. pp. 19-26).
7. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules relating to taxicab technology systems implementation. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Oscar Luzzi; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Bill Lindauer and Barry Fitzsimmons, members of the New York City Taxi Workers Alliance; Bhairavi Desai, Executive Director of the New York City Taxi Workers Alliance; Biju Matthew; Osman Choudhury; and Ed Ott, Executive Director of the New York City Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO. A motion was made by Chairman Daus to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout, and passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 26-66).
8. A motion was made to approve proposed rules on clean air and accessible taxicab stickers with the modification that the provision requiring a blue roof light on accessible vehicles be deleted. The proposed rules had been tabled from the April Commission meeting. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the rules as proposed at the public hearing in April. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 66-68).

9. Gary Roth, TLC Systems Implementation Manager, delivered a presentation on credit card fees relating to the taxicab technology enhancements, regarding a provision of proposed rules that was tabled at the March Commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 68-72)
10. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the portion of the proposed taxicab customer service technology enhancement rules that were tabled at the public hearing in March. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, except that Commissioner Giannoulis abstained. (Tr. pp. 72-76).
11. Willy Wong from New York City and Company and Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions, delivered a presentation on new taxicab markings and designs. Following discussion, Mr. Wong agreed to present a revised design for consideration at the June Commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 76-91).
12. Jennifer Palmer, Assistant Director of Constituent Affairs, delivered a presentation on medallion auction procedures. (Tr. pp. 91-110).
13. Ariel Dannis, Operations and Policy Analyst, delivered a presentation on paratransit rule revisions. (Tr. pp. 110-128).
14. Andrew Salkin, First Deputy Commissioner, delivered a presentation on planning for an accessible vehicle central dispatch system. (Tr. pp. 129-163).
15. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded, and passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 164).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
June 14, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

Date June 14, 2007