

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

June 19, 2014

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Christopher Wilson, *Acting General Counsel*

1. A motion was made at 9:40 to enter into executive session to consider an appeal of a discretionary license revocation in the case of *TLC v. Mohamed Diallo*. Chairperson Joshi and Commissioners Arout, Gonzales, Weinshall, and Carone were present for the vote. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session.
2. The Commission returned from executive session at 9:55 a.m. At the executive session, the Commission voted unanimously to reinstate the OATH Judge's recommendation of a 45 day suspension and \$1,500 fine, in lieu of revocation. Additionally, the Commission ordered the licensee to attend a six month anger management program. Commissioner Marino joined the Commission following executive session. Chairperson Joshi then called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
 - The Chair announced upcoming information fairs about the Street Hail Livery program, which will take place on June 23, June 25, June 26, June 30, and July 7, 2014.
 - The Commission submitted a Disabled Accessibility Plan to the state, outlining the TLC's goals to create a more accessible fleet.
 - Year-to-date, TLC inspectors issued 913 Street Hail Livery summonses and have seized 3,800 vehicles.
 - The TLC has continued to attend Vision Zero town halls, and with one planned for June 24, 2014 in Queens. Additionally, City Council passed four pieces of legislation that give TLC additional tools to penalize reckless and unsafe drivers.

3. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (May 15, 2014, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
4. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Chris Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

NEW (2):

B02753 Daddy Limo Inc
B02748 Alfred Holding Inc/ d.b.a: ICARS

RENEWALS (11):

B01308 LIL'D Dispatch Inc. / d.b.a: Strictly Car Service
B01057 New American C/L SVC
B00619 Lincoln Limo SVCE INC
B01808 Old Town Cars Corp/ d.b.a: Delta Cars
B00706 Vic & Bay Car Service, Inc/ d.b.a: Dejoy's Red Top
B00990 Mirage Limousine Service, Inc./ d.b.a: UFO PVT C/L Service
B01379 J.J.S. Transportation Co. Inc. /d.b.a: Grant City Car SVC
B00037 TRANSP UNLIMITED C/S
B00652 RESCUE C/S INC
B01559 MUNKACS CAR SVC LTD
B00492 BLUE WHITE ASSOC. TRANS.SVC

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B01699 DT Brooklyn Car And Limo Svc. Inc.

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OFFICER (2):

B02405 POWER LUXURY RADIO DISPATCH INC.
B01710 79 Masada III, Inc./ d.b.a: Masada Iii Car & Limo Service

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF NAME (1):

B00378 Habirah Inc./ d.b.a: Elat Car & Limousine

CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):

B01639 High Class Limo Car Svce Corp

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B02488 Great Express Car & Limousine Service Inc

THE FOLLOWING BASES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (3) :

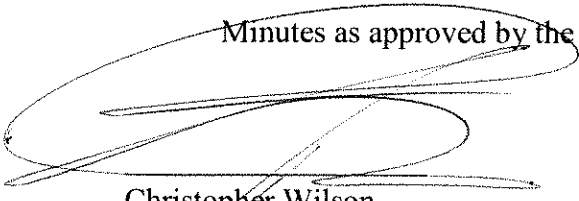
B01465 Ivette Car Service
B01641 Depaul Car Service, Inc
B02043 M & H Car Service Corporation

5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications recommended for approval and deny the base station license applications recommended for denial. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Item 6, Black Box and Safety Technologies Pilot, was presented for Commission action. Jo Rausen, TLC's Director of Technology Programs, gave a presentation on the pilot program, which, in line with Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero action plan, will allow all of the industries regulated by TLC to install various vehicle safety technologies in TLC regulated vehicles. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the pilot resolution. The pilot program will run one year and requires participants to submit security and privacy plans and post warnings to passengers if their vehicle safety technology captures passenger images. Participants must also submit proposed costs to drivers and regularly submit to TLC data summarizing speeding events, acceleration and hard acceleration, braking and hard braking, algorithmic scoring, and a summary of all complaints related to the program. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson called for a vote on the resolution to extend the E-Hail Pilot Program and the resolution passed unanimously.

7. Item 7, Electric Vehicle Pilot Extension, was presented for Commission action. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the resolution, which would extend the current Electric Vehicle Pilot Program for one year. All of the requirements of the Electric Vehicle Pilot Program would be extended until March 31, 2015. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson called for a vote on the resolution to extend the Electric Vehicle Pilot Program and the resolution passed unanimously.
8. Item 8, Insurance Documentation Rules, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the rules, which modify the requirements on the documentation licensees must submit as proof of insurance, require that the schedule of vehicles tie each vehicle by VIN number to the type of insurance provided, and prohibit umbrella policies for black cars, luxury limousines, and certain larger livery vehicles. A public hearing on the rules and the following people testified: Joseph Gatti, BCC Group; Sergio Sanchez, Luxury Base Operators Association; Bill Gorton, Ben's Limousine; Michael Katzman, Pro-Tech Agency; Phillip Hom, Windels Marx; Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Pat Russo, Windels Marx; and Osman Chowdhury, United Taxi Drivers Alliance. Following the hearing, the Chair made a motion to table the vote on the proposed rule. The motion to table passed with a vote of 5 to 1, with Commissioners Joshi, Gonzales, Marino, Weinshall, and Carone voting in favor of tabling and Commissioner Aroust voting against tabling.
9. Item 9, Taxi School Exemption Rules, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. The Chair introduced the rules, which provide an exemption to taxi school for licensees that have obtained their license before 1999. A public hearing was held on the rules and the following people testified: Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson then noted that, in light of comments received, the rule had been modified to remove language concerning outstanding summonses. A motion was made to adopt the proposed rules and the motion passed unanimously.
10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on August 7, 2014



Christopher Wilson
General Counsel

8/14/14
Date