

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

October 16, 2014

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

La Shann DeArcy, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. A motion was made at 10:00 a.m. to enter into executive session to discuss litigation matters. Chairperson Joshi and Commissioners Carone, DeArcy, Gonzales, Jiha, Marino, and Polanco were present for the vote. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session.
2. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and reported the following:
 - The Chair introduced Jeff Roth, TLC's new Deputy Commissioner of Policy.
 - The Chair welcomed Fred Amofo, who was recently named the International Taxi Driver of the Year.
 - The 25-mile-per-hour speed limit will go into effect on November 7, 2014. Earlier in the week, Chair Joshi kicked off the 25-day countdown to the 25 miles-per-hour speed limit with Transportation Commissioner Trottenberg, NYPD Chief Chan, advocates, and community leaders.
 - The TLC began receiving red light camera data from the NYC Department of Transportation to identify TLC drivers that run red lights. The TLC will only be sending warning letters to drivers who are caught in the red light cameras until the end of the year so that they understand that their behavior will be subject to penalty.
 - Last week William Steinhaus was born in a New York City taxicab. William, his parents, and taxi driver Osama Hassan are expected to attend a future Commission meeting.

3. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (September 18, 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 4 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Allison Siegel, Assistant Commissioner of Licensing and Standards. The following bases were presented for consideration:

NEW (2):

B02759 AGP Transportation Inc./d.b.a. La Puma
B02785 Allesride, Inc.

RENEWALS (12):

B01016 810 Car Svce Corp
B01091 A & R Golden Exp Inc.
B00225 Delancey Car Service Inc./d.b.a. Delancey Car Service
B00887 Dial 7 Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B00183 Kew Garden Operating Corp
B02047 La New Express Inc.
B02427 La Ranchera Express Corp.
B01268 Lakeview Cars Inc./d.b.a. Clove Lake Cars
B02163 Mega Mex Inc.
B00031 Queens Village Inc.
B02462 Tiffany's Car Service Inc.
B00597 Wakefield Lsg Maint Corp

CHANGE OF LOCATION & ADDING OF OFFICER(1):

B02672 Mazal Car Service Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/ADDING OF OFFICER(1):

B01417 Nesher Express Car Service 2 Inc.

CHANGE OF DBA/ADDING D.B.A NAME (1):

B02080 #1 Mexicaly Car Services Corp.

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

6. Item 5, Vision Zero implementing rules, was presented for Commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which set out penalties for drivers who are involved in crashes that result in critical injury or death and restructure the critical driver and persistent violator programs. The Commission first considered an amendment to the rules, specifically, to the first sentence of Sections 54-14(f)(i), 55-14(h)(i), 56-14(j)(i) and 57-14(d)(i), that adds that a driver's license may be summarily suspended "upon a finding that the Driver's conduct was a substantial cause of the Serious Crash...." The General Counsel called for a vote on the amendment and the amendment passed unanimously. The General Counsel later called for a vote on the rules package. Commissioners Gonzales, Marino, DeArcy, and Carone made a statement preceding the vote. The rules passed with a vote of six to one, with Commissioners Joshi, Carone, DeArcy, Gonzales, Jiha, and Polanco voting in favor and Commissioner Marino voting against the rules.
7. Item 6, Base Dispatch Rules, was presented for a public hearing. Jo Rausen, TLC's Executive Director of Technology Programs, gave a presentation on the rules, which would require for-hire vehicle (FHV) bases to submit trip records to the TLC, prohibit a base from dispatching a vehicle affiliated with a different class of FHV base, prohibit bases from dispatching another base's vehicle without an agreement with that base, and require bases dispatching vehicles from a different base to provide the customer with a name and license number of the base with which the dispatched car is affiliated. A public hearing on the rules and the following people testified: Josh Mohrer, Uber; Eran Zach; Khyzer Ahmed; Muhammed Raza; Saeed Amwar; David Estrada, Lyft; Ira Goldstein, Black Car Assistance Corporation and Black Car Fund; Richard Thaler; Michael Simon; Carolyn Casto, Carmel Car and Limousine; Tarek Mallah, Dial 7 Car and Limousine Services; Cira Angeles, Livery Base Owners; Bouchaib Lel Hassani; Michael O'Laughlin, Cab Riders United; Andrew Rasiej, NY Tech Meetup; Abdoullahme Diallo, Uber Drivers Network. Commissioner Gonzales left the meeting at noon.
8. Item 7, Improvement Fund Collection Rules, was presented for a public hearing and Commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which establish the technical requirements for the collection and remittance of a taxi and street hail livery improvement fund surcharge. Commissioner Marino left the meeting at 12:35 p.m. A public hearing on the rules and the following people testified: Michael O'Laughlin, Cab Riders United; Gary Farber. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules and the rules passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on November 20, 2014.



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Date

