

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

November 29, 2012

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. No motion was heard on Agenda Item 1 and the Commission did not enter into executive session.
2. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m. and reported on the following:
 - The Chair thanked TLC staff for their work throughout Hurricane Sandy. The Chair noted that the Commission meeting was being held a different location because TLC's 33 Beaver Street offices were still running on generators.
 - The Chair thanked the industry for its outpouring of help and support it provided to TLC's Director of Counter Operations Dorothy Cavallaro, who lost her home in the storm.
 - The Chair thanked TLC inspectors for their work throughout the hurricane, as they worked overnight in the field helping to dispense fuel free of charge to TLC licensed vehicles.
 - The Chair introduced Allison Siegel, TLC's new Assistant Commissioner for Licensing and Standards.
3. Item 4 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (September 20, 2012, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Angelique Meola, Supervisor for Owner/Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

NEW (6):

B02557	185 Malta Car Service L.L.C.
B02583	Base Car Service Inc.
B02560	Ciprian Car & Limo. Corp.
B02562	M Express Inc.
B02575	Moonlight Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B02536	Seagull Corporate Transportation L.L.C

RENEWALS (8):

B01745	Azuay Corporation d/b/a Caribe Car Service
B00625	Central Car Service Inc.
B01327	Continental Car & Limousine Service
B01717	High Class Bronx Limo. Car Service Corp.
B01445	J.T. Transportation Company
B02047	La New Express Inc.
B01417	Nesher Express Car Service 2 Inc.
B00937	Riverside Radio Dispatcher

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):

B01026	A Ride for All L.L.C.
B02006	America United Multiplex Car Service Corp.
B01979	Dreamland Car & Limo. Service
B01743	Two Way Black Cars & Radio Group

RELOCATIONS (3):

B01398	Alex Express Car & Limousine Inc.
B02450	Jupiter Car Service Corp.
B02043	M & H Car Service Corp.

OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):

B02414	AQA Car & Limo. Service Inc.
B01868	Limo 4 L.L.C. d/b/a Dial 4 Limo
B00256	Fast Operating Corp.
B01529	J.I.G. Transport Corp. d/b/a/ New Eastern Car Service

OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1):

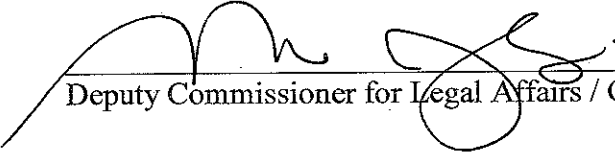
B00373	Moisha Express Inc.
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5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Item 6(a), Roof Light Rules, was presented for Commission action. Chairman Yassky. Chairman Yassky called for a show-of-hands vote on the proposed rules. By a show of hands, the Rules were adopted by a vote of 7 to 1 with Commissioner Weinshall voting no.
7. Items 7(a) and 7(b), E-Hail Rules and TPEP Rules, were presented for public hearing. TLC's TPEP Project Manager Jo Rausen gave a presentation on the proposed TPEP

Rules. The proposed rules replace the exclusive credit card equipment contracts that are set to expire in February 2013 with specifications for equipment and processing services. Any provider that meets these specifications can become an Authorized TPEP Provider. In addition to outlining the process for becoming an Authorized TPEP Provider, the Rules put forth technical specifications for the TPEP systems, including functionality upgrades from the current TPEP systems. Following Ms. Rausen's presentation, TLC's Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning Ashwini Chhabra gave a presentation on the proposed E-Hail Rules. The proposed E-Hail Rules create a new class of licensees of and establishes standards for smartphone applications that enable passengers to either electronically hail a yellow taxicab or electronically pay for a taxicab ride. TLC's General Counsel Meera Joshi stated the both sets of proposed rules were published in the City Record on October 30th and the CAPA comment deadline for both rules is November 29th, but the TLC will extend the comment deadline to December 10, 2012. A public hearing was held on both rules and the following people testified: John Acierno, Executive Transportation; George Laszlo, Laszlo Consulting; Toni Iacolucci, Hearing Loss Association of America; Guy Palumbo, Luxury Base Operators Association; John Mascialino, VeriFone; Amos Tamam, VeriFone; Jason Gross, VeriFone; Duane Dean, VeriFone; Richard Thaler, Omni Media; Jeremy Phillips, Ride Charge; Jay Bregman, Hailo; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Avik Kabessa, Livery Round Table; and Pat Russo, International Association of Transportation Regulators. The meeting adjourned for a break at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m., whereupon the public hearing continued and the following people testified: Michael Krisher, iTaxi; Jahangir Khan, Hailo; Melissa Plaut, Hailo; Delaneau Eloi, Hailo; Martin Heikel, Flatiron Apps; Ira Goldstein, Black Car Assistance Corporation; Cira Angeles, Livery Base Owners Association; Bhairavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; Mohan Singh, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; Tarek Mallah, Livery Round Table; Jin Wang Herman, GetTaxi; John McDonagh, taxi driver; and Jason DeWillers, Cabulous.

8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on December 13, 2012


Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

12/19/2012

Date