

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

March 10, 2011

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
 - Chairman Yassky welcomed two new commissioners to the TLC. Nora Marino will be filling Harry Giannoulis's seat. Frank Carone also joined the Commission. Their terms will expire in 2015. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
 - The Chair reported that the TLC expects to be moving its downtown office from 40 Rector Street to 33 Beaver Street on Monday, March 21, although the move may be delayed 2-3 weeks beyond that. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
 - Chairman Yassky reported that the April meeting will return to its normal schedule of the third Thursday of the month. (Tr. p. 6)
 - The Chair reported on service refusals. Yesterday, Mayor Bloomberg made a strong statement on the subject. TLC rules require yellow cabs to take passengers to anywhere within the five boroughs. Mayor Bloomberg drew attention to the issue because of the recent increase in complaints. Complaints increased 36 percent in the last six months, as compared to the same six months of a year ago. The TLC has proposed to the City Council that the penalties for service refusals be increased. (Tr. pp. 6-8)
 - Chairman Yassky reported that the TLC will conduct Saturday FHV inspections. The TLC is trying to keep appointment availability within the three to five day range, instead of the present six day range. (Tr. pp. 8-9)

- The Chair reported on the upcoming rules change. The comprehensive revised rules become effective on April 1. Copies of the new rules are available on the website. To reduce confusion between the new and old rules, the new rules begin at chapter 51. (Tr. pp. 9-10)
 - The Chair reported on several upcoming rules proposals. In April, the TLC will revamp its fines by modernizing outdated amounts, increasing consistency by eliminating range fines, providing for a discounted fine for pleading guilty in advance of the hearing, and eliminating inconsistency between different license categories. In May, there may be a proposal to change the fitness standards rules. The rules will more clearly define fitness, so applicants don't waste time and money applying for licenses they are not qualified for. For June, the TLC should have its new rule on accessibility for people with wheelchairs. In May or June, the TLC should also have revisions to the owner-must-drive rules. (Tr. pp. 10-14)
 - The Chair also reported that the TLC will try something new and hold its June Commission meeting in the Bronx. (Tr. pp. 14-15)
2. Items 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (January 20, 2011 Commission meeting+), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 15)
 3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele-Radway, Assistant Commissioner for Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

The following bases are being recommended for approval:

NEW(3):

- B02428 Amore Car & Limousine Inc.
- B02446 Canarse Car Service, Inc.
- B02427 Monarca Car & Limousine Service Corp.

RENEWALS (16):

- B02145 2020 Car Service Inc.
- B00948 510 Car Service Corp.
- B01336 Bay Express Corp.
- B01124 Cooperativa Clbna De Con Inc.
- B01148 Evelyn Car Service Inc.
- B02032 Glory Car & Limo. Service Inc.
- B01811 Ivoire Car Service Inc.
- B01626 La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service Inc.
- B01672 New Daynight Car Service
- B00972 N.J. M. Inc. D/b/a Mid Island Car Service
- B01930 Nortena Express Car Service, Inc.
- B01128 Pak-Eagle Inc. D/b/a Jewel Car Service
- B00984 PJ Car Service

B01600 R & N Car Service Inc.
B02066 Plaza Executive Inc. D/b/a Song Car & Limousine Service
B01478 Uniworld Brothers Enterprises Inc.
RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):
B01482 GDR Car & Limo. Inc. D/b/a Seaside Car Service
OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):
B02229 New Fat Inc.
B01868 Chelsea Express Car, Inc. D/b/a Dial 4 Limo.
B00030 Tremont Dispatching Corp. (Location #1)
B00401 Tremont Dispatching Corp. (Location #2)

The following bases are being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:
B01160 New Mazel Corp.

4. A motion was made to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 16)
5. A motion was made 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 passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 16-17)
6. Item 4 (a), Proposed License Process Rules, was presented to the Commission for approval. A public hearing was held on this rule in January. Chairman Yassky moved to approve the rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 17-18)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
April 21, 2011



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

May 17, 2011
Date