

**NEW YORK CITY**  
**TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**January 21, 2016**

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

William Aguado, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. with Commissioners Arout, Aguado, Gonzales, Jiha, and Marino present and reported the following:
  - Condolences to former TLC Chair Matthew Daus on the passing of his father.
  - As a testament to Vision Zero initiatives, on January 19, TLC joined Mayor de Blasio, DOT, NYPD, DCAS, and advocates to report that 2015 was the safest year since 1910 when statistics were first recorded.
  - City Hall recently released a study on the FHV industry. Addressing accessibility was a highlight of the study, and so in the coming weeks, TLC and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will be meeting advocates and stakeholders to gather information necessary to craft a proposal that meets the needs of passengers with disabilities.
  - TLC staff tasked with reducing long lines at the new licensing facility was successful. Thanks to project team: Dawn Miller, Rubin Varghese, Dan Goddin, and Gregg Pearlstein. Thanks to licensing staff, including Gary Weiss, Allison Siegel, Stacy Lorenzo, Nicol Fakas, Chris Tormey, and Jeff Billups. Special thanks to Sherry Cohen, Jeff Grunfeld, Nick Venezia, Midori Valdivia, Brian Switzer, and their staffs.
  - TLC is continuing to streamline the licensing process. Online license renewal applications will become mandatory in April 2016, and TLC is looking into a system that would allow new driver applicants to complete their applications without ever visiting a TLC office.

- FHV holding lots at LaGuardia and JFK Airports are now being fully utilized, and the airports are now reporting better throughput and not as much clogging in the pickup areas.
  - A baby was born in an Uber car on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. The driver got the attention of an NYC Deputy Sheriff who safely escorted the mom and baby to a hospital.
2. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (December 3, 2015, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
  3. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Angelique Meola, Supervisor of Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**RENEWAL (12)**

B02080	#1 Mexicaly Car Services Corp/dba: 4 U Luxury Car Service
B00625	Central Car Services, Inc.
B02511	DeKalb Car Service Corp. B01445 J T Trans Co Inc.
B02121	Kings Plaza Car & Limo Inc.
B00469	Let It Ride Inc./dba: My Way
B02004	Metropolitan Multiplex Car Service Corp.
B01667	New Golden Horse C/L Svc, Inc.
B02553	New Jubilee Car Service, Inc.
B01233	New Laconia Rad Disp Inc.
B01177	SLMK Inc./dba: AA PDQ Car & Limousine Service
B01397	U.C. Columbus Rad Disp Inc.

**RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OFFICER (1)**

B01741	Monaco Limo & Car Services Inc
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**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1)**

B01326	Deborah C/L Svc Inc.
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**CHANGE OF OFFICER (1)**

B00248	Yellowstone Transportation Inc./ dba: Yes Car Service
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**CHANGE OF BASE NAME , LOCATION & OWNERSHIP (1)**

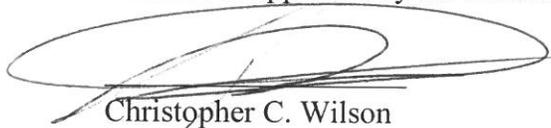
B00112	Harbor View Trans Of S I/ dba: Harbor View Car Service
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**BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (1)**

B01433	FANNY RADIO DISPATCHER SERVICE INC
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4. 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.
5. Commissioner Arout announced that he is resigning on January 31, after serving on the Commission for over 26 years.
6. Item 6, Street Hail Livery Base/Representative Rules, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. The rules will allow licensed bases that have received permits from the TLC as Street Hail Livery dispatch bases to act on behalf of Street Hail Livery owners for certain limited transactions related to licensing and the transfer of base and vehicle affiliations. Mamdouh Mobarak and Osman Chowdhury testified on the rules. General Counsel then called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
7. Item 7, Driver Licensing Rule Amendments, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. Dan Goddin, Assistant General Counsel at the TLC, introduced the rules, which would streamline renewal compliance deadlines for drivers of Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles, lengthen license periods from two to three years for all types of driver licenses, eliminate probationary licenses for drivers of Taxicabs and ForHire Vehicles, change specifications for driver protection markings, remove the option of paying fines and settlements in cash, require all license applicants to provide an e-mail address, and require all applicants whose driver's license have been issued in other states to provide an abstract of their driving record from the other state. The following people testified on the rules: Jinwoo An; Peter Mazer, MTBOT; and Bill Lindauer, NYTWA. General Counsel then called for a vote on the amendment, and the amendment passed unanimously.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on February 25, 2016.



Christopher C. Wilson  
General Counsel

  
Date