

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

February 8, 2007

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Noach Dear, *Commissioner*

Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*

Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
 - The Chair congratulated Iris* Weinshall on her appointment to be Vice Chancellor for the City University of New York. (Tr. p. 3).
 - The Chair welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Lauvienska Polanco, representing the borough of Manhattan. (Tr. pp. 4-6).
 - The Chair reported that the technology enhancement testing program was going well, and that the related rules had been published for public comment. (Tr. pp. 6-7).
 - The Chair announced that regarding the rule review and update project, the revised request for proposals would be released soon. (Tr. p. 7).
 - The Chair reported that this year is the 100th anniversary of the taxicab in New York City, which will be celebrated with events including Taxi '07, Taxi Week from April 6 through April 15, 200, and the Gardens in Transit project. (Tr. pp. 7-8).
 - The Chair reported that two staff members were attending the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association Conference. (Tr. p. 9).
 - The Chair announced that the TLC website has a new e-mail subscription center available at www.nyc.gov/taxi. (Tr. pp. 9-10).

- The Chair reported that the next Commission meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2007, and that public hearings for rules related to the taxicab technology customer service project, clean air and accessible vehicle retirement incentives, and for-hire vehicle markings and inspections were scheduled for that meeting. (Tr. p. 11).
 - The Chair reported that the Annual Driver Recognition Ceremony would be held on March 29, 2007 at the Rooftop Gardens at 620 5th Avenue. (Tr. pp. 12-13).
 - The Chair presented an award to Osman Choudhury for his service in returning \$300,000 worth of diamond rings left in his cab to the owners. (Tr. pp. 13-14).
2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the January 11, 2007 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Weinshall and seconded by Commissioner Vargas. It passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 25).
 3. Eric Kim, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner, delivered a presentation on advertising on TLC- licensed vehicles. (Tr. pp. 25-79).
 4. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, presented the following base station license renewal applications for consideration:

The following base stations were recommended for approval:

<u>NEW (2)</u>	
ABC International Services	B02162
Big R Transportation	B02163
<u>RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (11)</u>	
Bay Express Corp.	B01336
Cooperativa CLBNA De Con Inc.	B01124
Dependable Brothers Inc.	B01550
Ivoire Car Service Inc.	B01811
La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service Inc.	B01626
Mex Express Car Service d/b/a Mex Service Inc.	B02058
New Enricos Car Service	B01131
North Shore Car & Limo. Corp. d/b/a US One Car Service	B01461
Plaza Executive, Inc. d/b/a Song Car & Limousine Service	B02066
Skyway Car Service Express Inc.	B01332
Unicar Co. Inc.	B01340
<u>RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2)</u>	
Allen Car Service Inc.	B01472
Alpha Trans. Inc	B01638
<u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)</u>	
All American Car Service Inc.	B01247
<u>RELOCATION (2)</u>	
DMD Inc.	B00957
St. Albans-Hollis Car Service	B01958

RENEWAL APPLICATION- RECONSIDERATION

(1)

Adams Car & Limousine Service

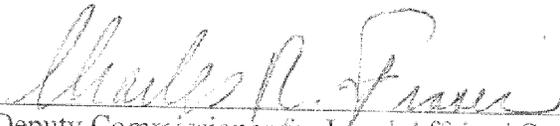
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(Tr. pp. 79-103).

5. Commissioner Dear made a motion to deny Dependable Brothers' Inc.'s application. It was seconded by Commissioner Arout. The vote was 3-3, with Commissioner Giannoulis abstaining. Therefore the motion did not carry. (Tr. pp. 88-89).
6. Commissioner Daus made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval, with the caveats that Dependable Brothers' Inc., Ivoire Car Service Inc., La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service Inc., New Enricos Car Service, North Shore Car and Limo Corp., Skyway Car Service Express Inc., and Alpha Trans. Inc. be given an immediate directive to file business plans and be visited by TLC enforcement staff for inspections as soon as possible; and that the TLC staff would present a report or timeline for recommendations to the base licensing process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 101-103).
7. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polanco, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 63).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
March 8, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date