

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

March 22, 2012

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Mark Gjonaj *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and reported on the following:
 - The United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit lifted an injunction requiring all HAIL permits issued by the TLC to be restricted to accessible vehicles until the court approves a plan by the TLC to provide the wheelchair bound passengers meaningful access to taxicabs.
 - Chairman Yassky announced the retirement of taxi driver Joseph Mermelstein, who had driven for over 50 years. Chairman Yassky wished him well on his retirement at the age of 88.
 - Chairman Yassky noted a recent *New York Times* article which highlighted the superb work TLC's enforcement division. Chairman Yassky thanked Ray Scanlon and his team at USB for their work in meeting enforcement demands. The TLC now hands out an average of 1,600 summonses a month, compared to an average of 400 a month last year.
 - Chairman Yassky announced that the TLC put out an RFP looking for smart phone application that will enable passengers to pay for fares via their phones and will soon put out an RFP looking for proposals for storage capacity.
 - Chairman Yassky thanked the *New York Daily News* for its coverage of the danger associated with not wearing a seatbelt in the back seat of a taxicab.
2. Commissioner Gjonaj joined the Commission meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

3. Item 2 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (March 1, 2012, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Item 3 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Christopher Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

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NEW (5):

B02509 NY Minute Car Service Inc.

RENEWALS (3):

B02333 A Dorr to Door Transportation Inc.

B02316 AJ Car & Limo. Service Inc.

B02305 Cyclone Car Service Inc.

RENEWAL, RELOCATION & NAME CHANGE (1):

B02320 Miami Car & Limo. Service Inc.
(previously Swift Car & Limo
Service, Inc.)

RELOCATION (2):

B02028 Forest Avenue Car Service Inc.

B00131 New Mexicana Car Service II
Inc. D/b/a Azteca Express

RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):

B02403 Amigo Piolin Express Car
Service Inc.

OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):

B01808 Delta Cars D/b/a Old Town Car
Service Inc.

B01565 R & B Car & Limousine Inc.

B00248 Sunline Transportation Inc.

D/b/a Yes Car Service

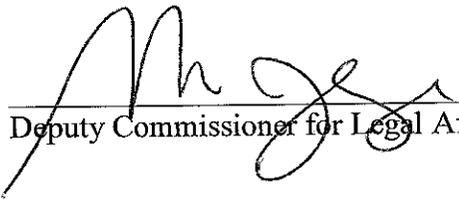
B01721 W.K. Car & Limousine Service
Inc.

6. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Item 4(a), Street Hail Livery Rules, Staff Presentation by Deputy Commissioner Ashwini Chhabra on the proposed Street Hail Livery Rules, which would create a new class of license to allow livery vehicles to accept street hails outside of Manhattan.

8. Item 5(a), Street Hail Livery Rules, was presented for public hearing. A public hearing was held and the following people testified: Cira Angeles, Livery Base Owners Coalition (“LBOC”); Richard Emery, MTBOT; Fred Drasner, Vehicle Production Group; Jose Altamirano, LBOC; Tarek Mallah, Livery Round Table (“LRT”); Jenny Ahmed, LRT; Fernando Garcia, Association of Independent Taxi Drivers New York (“ASOTINY”); Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Richard Thaler, OMN Gateway; Tom Doherty, United Ambulette Coalition; Felix Bogonovskiy, Brooklyn resident; Abdul Ahmed, livery driver; Richard Kay, Taxi Cab Service Association; Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Lloyd Taylor, Board of Livery Transportation Industry Trades; Arty Grover, NYC Fleet Livery Owners Association; James Grosso, Jr., NYC Fleet Livery Owners Association; Erasmo Taveras, City Livery Leasing; Cortney Hogan, Bronx resident; Bhairavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance (“NYTWA”); Jose Violoria, Livery Round Table; Abubakr Mohamed, livery driver; Bill Lindauer, NYTWA; Asmad Chaudery, NYTWA; Mohan Singh, NYTWA; Pavut Lopez, New York Communication Association; and David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:46 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on April 19, 2012



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

4/20/2012

Date