

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**  
**April 4, 2006**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Noach Dear, *Commissioner*

Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*

Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*

Howard R. Vargas, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
  - The TLC recently held meetings with the Westchester and Nassau TLC's regarding the possibility of proposing legislation to resolve the reciprocity issue. (Tr. p.3)
  - The Chair testified before the City Council's Transportation Committee on April 29 concerning commuter vans. (Tr. pp.3-4)
  - The taxicab technology project has been delayed as a result of information, currently under review by the Department of Investigation, which was presented to the Comptroller's Office. (Tr. p.4)
  - 308 medallions will be sold pursuant to the June medallion sale, of which 62 will be alternative fuel medallions, 54 will be accessible vehicle medallions, and the remainder will be unrestricted medallions. (Tr. pp.4-5)
  - The next Commission Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11. (Tr. pp.6)
  - The TLC held a Driver Recognition ceremony on March 29 at Rockefeller Center's Top of the Rock, where more than 70 outstanding drivers were honored. (Tr. pp.8-10)
  
2. Commissioner Dear made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 9, 2006 Commission Meeting. The Chair seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.13)

3. William Carter, *Executive Director for Licensing*, presented the following base license renewal applications for consideration:

**Renewal Applications (17)**

11 <sup>th</sup> Street Car Service	B01611
Caprice Car Service Corp.	B01265
City Line Car Service Inc.	B01553
Deonarine Boodram d/b/a Royal Car & Limo Service	B00653
Moisha Express, Inc.	B00373
Munkacs Car Service Ltd.	B01559
New Ridgewood Car Service, Inc.	B01187
Omega Car Service, Inc.	B00833
Phasal Tajudeen d/b/a Clifton Car Service	B00229
Phasal Tajudeen d/b/a Foxhill Car Service	B01950
Porttal Car Service Corp.	B01963
Queens Village, Inc.	B00031
Quick Ride Corp.	B01764
R.C.S. Transportation Corp. d/b/a Remsen Car Service	B00665
Target Transportation Corp.	B00501
T-D Maintenance Corp. d/b/a Four Ones Car Service	B00009
Wakefield Leasing & Maintenance Corp.	B00597

**Combination Applications (Renewal and Relocation) ( 1 )**

Nymex Uno Executive Sedan's Inc. d/b/a Nymex Car Service	B01995
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(Tr. pp.13-14)

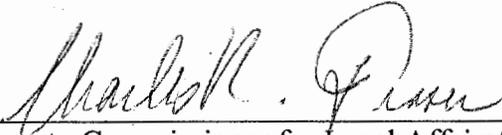
4. Commissioner Dear made a motion to approve all of the base license applications. Commissioner Vargas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.14)
5. The Chair noted that the following five bases on the renewal application list had one or more convictions for unlicensed activity, and asked the Licensing Division to track the bases' adherence to their business plans: Caprice Car Service Corp.; City Line Car Service Inc.; Deonarine Boodram d/b/a Royal Car & Limo Service; Phasal Tajudeen d/b/a Foxhill Car Service; and Wakefield Leasing and Maintenance Corp. (Tr. pp.14-15)
6. A public hearing was held on proposed changes to the rules governing the auction of new medallions. Mr. Fraser explained that the new rules relate mostly to procedural matters. The Chair stated that in response to comments received from the public, the proposed rules were subsequently revised with respect to the forfeiture of deposits and with respect to maintaining the required ratio of independent medallions to mini-fleet medallions. The following individuals

testified at the hearing: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Bill Lindauer and Bhairavi Desai, *New York Taxi Workers Alliance*; Mel Miller and David Pollack, *Committee for Taxi Safety*; Joseph Giannetto, *Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade*; Richard Chipman, *Westway Medallion Sales/Rapid Funding*; and Alan Kaufman, *Melrose Credit Union*. (Tr. pp.15-48)

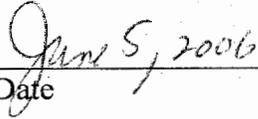
7. After discussion, the Chair recommended that the issue surrounding which entities can issue commitment letters for the upcoming June medallion sale be further researched, whereupon Commissioner Weinshall made a motion to adopt the rules as drafted. The Chair seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.48-54)
8. A public hearing was held on proposed rules requiring that TLC-licensed for-hire vehicles registered in New York State have "T&LC"-embossed license plates. Mr. Fraser explained that Tier I vehicles would no longer be able to have "LA" plates embossed with the legend "Livery." The following individuals testified at the hearing: Eugene Pero, *New York Livery Owners Coalition*; and Artie Grover, *Staten Island Livery Owners Association*. (Tr. pp.54-60)
9. After discussion, the Chair made a motion to adopt the rules. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.60-62)
10. A public hearing was held on a proposed rule that removes references to tape recordings and cassette tapes from the Adjudications rules. Mr. Fraser explained that the rule change was necessary because the Adjudications Division is in the process of converting from analog recording to digital recording with respect to its hearings. There were no public speakers for this rule. (Tr. pp.62-63)
11. The Chair made a motion to adopt the rule. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.63)
12. A public hearing was held on proposed rules providing new suspension procedures for a variety of driver infractions. Mr. Fraser explained that the new rules chiefly would allow licensees to contest suspensions promptly after they are imposed. The Chair stated that because a number of comments were received after the due date, and it is evident the proposed rules are not fully understood, that the comment period would be extended for an additional ten days, but that the public hearing would proceed. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Joseph Giannetto, *Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade*; Kevin Fitzpatrick and Bhairavi Desai, *New York Taxi Workers Alliance*; Mel Miller and David Pollack, *Committee for Taxi Safety*; and Vincent Sapone, *League of Mutual Taxi Owners*. (Tr. pp.63-89)
13. Commissioner Dear made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Chair seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.89)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:38 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on  
May 11, 2006



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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs/General Counsel



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