

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting
April 21, 2016

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*
William Aguado, *Commissioner*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. At 9:50 a.m., after unanimous vote of a motion by Chair Joshi, the Commission entered into executive session to address two discretionary revocation appeals.
2. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Aguado, Carone, Gonzales, and Jiha present and reported the following:
 - Jo Rausen, who ably managed technology projects at the TLC for four years, left the TLC to take on a new job in the private sector.
 - Commissioners Carone and Polanco were re-appointed to the Commission for another seven years.
 - Former Commissioner LaShann DeArcy was recently sworn in as a federal judge.
 - In collaboration with the New York State Attorney General's Office, TLC recently announced a settlement of \$750,000 for lease cab overcharges, \$50,000 of which will go back to the drivers. Special thanks to TLC's David Ross, Jason Gonzalez, Sherry Cohen, and Ray Scanlon.
 - As part of an ongoing effort to streamline licensing, the renewal application process has now been moved online.
 - Thanks to the strong advocacy of former Commissioner Elias Arout, TLC's new Staten Island office has opened.
3. Thea Paulucci, a policy analyst at TLC, presented highlights from the newly-released 2016 TLC Factbook.
4. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (February 25, 2016, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

5. 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:

NEW (2)

B02937 Access Transportation Group, LLC
B02927 Top Ride

RENEWAL (13)

B00983 1431 Car Service, Inc./ DBA: Three Guy's Car Svce
B01469 Brothers Car Service, Inc.
B00827 Castle Car Service, Inc.
B00881 Crossbay Car Service Inc.
B02021 Easyride Car Service Inc.
B01215 Ecuadoor Corp
B00160 Jaffa Car & Limo Svc Inc.
B02037 Kingsdale Dispatch Inc.
B01489 Lincoln Limo Brok'age Inc.
B02562 M Express Inc.
B00991 P F Management Inc.
B02536 Seagull Corporate Transportation LLC
B00975 T.J.Q. Car Service, Inc./DBA: Quality Car Svce

RENEWAL & ADDING OFFICER (1)

B02026 A Ride For All LLC

RENEWAL/LOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

B02543 GTA Car & Limo Service LLC

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF LOCATION (1)

B01653 Art's Place Inc./DBA: On Time Car Service

CHANGE OF LOCATION (5)

B02531 Clean Air Car Service And Parking Corp.
B02377 Economy Car Service, LLC
B02649 Kirin Transportation Inc.
B01039 NYC Wheels Car Service Inc./DBA: Communicare Car Service
B01973 Raja Car & Limousine Service Inc./DBA: Raja Car & Limousine Service Inc.

CHANGE OF OWERSHIP, BASE NAME & LOCATION (2)

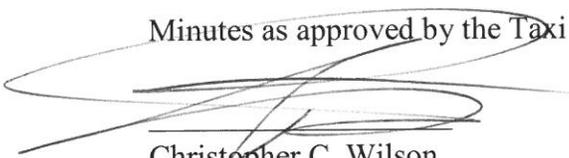
B01679 Century Car Service Inc.
B02320 Swift 75 Car & Limo Svc., Inc.

CHANGE OF BASE NAME & DBA (1)

B02538 Manida Car Service Inc.

6. 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.
7. Item 6, Used Taxi Vehicle Pilot Extension, was presented for commission action. The amendment would extend the pilot until March 26, 2017, as well as modify the pilot to permit the participation of used wheelchair accessible vehicles with provisions for grants from the Taxicab Improvement Fund at levels lower than available for new cars. General Counsel called for a vote on the amendment, and it passed unanimously.
8. Item 7, Proposed Cleanup Rules Package, was presented for a public hearing. The package would amend TLC rules on: (1) exclusionary zone enforcement for SHLs, (2) affiliations with suspended bases, (3) certain licensing documentation, including license display and (4) changes to certain penalties. The following people testified on the rules: Cira Angeles, Livery Base Owners Association; Pedro Aguiar, Coalition Taxistas; Reverend Erick Salgado; Nancy Reynoso, GTNY; Hector Leonardo German; Kamaleldi Abdalla; MD Zahirul Islam; John Sideris; Mamdouh Mobarak; and Sirin. Commissioner Marino joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.
9. Item 8, Proposed IVCS, Partition and Waiver Rules, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. The rule would allow all Medallion Taxicab Owners to install a TLC-approved In-Vehicle Camera System in lieu of a partition, require that all Medallion Taxicab Owners file an Email address with the Commission, and amend rules specifying when the 496 Accessible Official Taxicab Vehicle waivers may be requested. The following people testified: Michael O'Laughlin, Cab Riders United. General Counsel Wilson then called for a vote on the rule, and the rule passed unanimously.
10. The Commission returned to executive session at 12:15 p.m., and after which, General Counsel Wilson reported out that in the matter of TLC versus Zakout, the Commission sustained the penalty of license revocation and \$2,500 fine, and in the matter of TLC versus Choo, the Commission imposed a 30-day license suspension, eliminated the fine, and order the completion of an anger management course.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:37 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on June 23, 2016.


Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

6/23/16
Date