

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

April 23, 2015

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. with Commissioners Carone, Gonzales, Jiha, and Marino present and reported the following:
 - On March 30th, the TLC previewed “Drive Like Your Family Lives Here,” a 15-minute video in which people share their stories of losing a family member in a traffic accident. The video will be incorporated into TLC driver training.
 - The City announced that it is going to seek an amendment to the state seatbelt law that would require passengers in the front and back seats to wear seatbelts, as well as drivers.
 - On April 7th, the TLC approved its first black box participant in the Vehicle Safety Technology Pilot, IonFleets.
 - On April 11th, the TLC participated in the first hack-a-thon with Google and the Rudin Center for Transportation at New York University. Civic hackers dove into TLC driver data to look at taxi availability during shift changes.
 - Medallion owners are to submit to the TLC the first payment from the taxicab improvement surcharge on April 24. They had received a statement indicating how much they owed and had a 15-day period to dispute those amounts.
 - FHV bases began submitting their trip records as required by a rule that the TLC passed in late 2014. The TLC is conducting outreach events with bases around the city to inform them of the rule requirements and the submission process, as well as answer any questions.
 - CBS did a feature on the TLC enforcement squad at JFK. The feature highlighted their undercover work to catch illegal hails.
 - On April 15th, the TLC graduated 20 inspectors.

2. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (March 19, 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 4 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Chris Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):

B01231 Go Car Corp.

CHANGE OF BASE NAME (1):

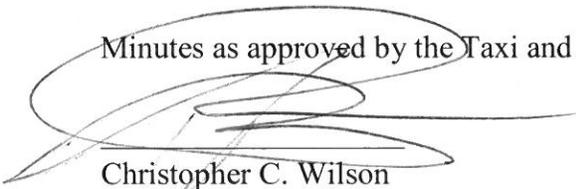
B01492 Mobil Car Service Inc

BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (1):

B02827 Showtime Transportation Corp.

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. Item 5, Taxi and Driver Reform Rules, was presented for commission action. Charlie Furrey, Assistant General Counsel, and Rodney Stiles, Director of Research and Evaluation, gave a presentation on the rules, which loosen restrictions on reapplying for license after certain revocations and after an license application was denied, provide for additional time beyond the license expiration date for drivers to complete a renewal application, remove the double-shifting requirement for fleet and mini-fleet medallions, repeal the prohibition on power seats in taxicabs, amend retirement schedules for black cars and taxicabs, and provide additional time for drivers to complete a course to reduce points under the critical driver and persistent violator programs. Commissioner Polanco joined the meeting at 10:51 a.m. General Counsel Wilson called for a vote on the rules and the rules passed unanimously.
6. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:56 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on May 28, 2015.


Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

5/28/15
Date