

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**April 30, 2014**

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Lashann DeArcy, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *Acting General Counsel*

1. No motion was heard on Agenda Item 1 and the Commission did not enter executive session.
2. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with Commissioners Carone, Polanco, Arout, and DeArcy present. The Chair postponed her report and gave the floor to Public Advocate Letitia James to testify on the Accessibility Rules.
3. Following Public Advocate James' testimony, the Chair reported on the following:
  - The Chair thanked TLC staff and all of the Deputy Commissioners for their hard work and for the warm welcome they have given her as Chair.
  - TLC's call center has been receiving roughly 15,000 calls a month and has reunited many people with lost property.
  - Licensing now has a new Q-Matic system that will automate the system for waiting in line to get a license and will measure, in real time, how long the licensing process takes from start to finish. Additionally, TLC has improved its License Application and Renewal System to allow licensees to update their contact information online.
  - TLC recently graduated a class of 16 cadets and will have a new cadet class of over 60 inspectors that will start in the summer, which will improve TLC's enforcement efforts.

4. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (December 19, 2013, 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 Chris Torney, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW (16):**

B02719	49 Westchester Square Prestige Car Service Corp.
B02697	Barclays Car Service LLC
B02735	Best Deal Car Service 2, Inc.
B02730	BWJ Group Inc.
B02696	Center of the World Car Service Corp.
B02694	City Limousine Transportation Inc.
B02726	Compadre Car Service Inc.
B02709	Dash Car Service Corp.
B02731	Emes of Boropark Car Service Inc.
B02738	Explorer Car Service Inc.
B02703	Handi Car Service Corp.
B02702	New Safari Car & Limo Inc.
B02728	Newtown Private Car Service Inc.
B02704	Springfield Car Service Inc.
B02678	Z VIP Sedan Services Inc. D/b/a Zlimo
B02717	Zoom Car Service Inc.

**RENEWALS (24):**

B02145	2020 Car Service Inc.
B02391	3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Express Corp.

B01194	440 Car Service Inc.
B00948	510 Car Service Corp.
B01420	A.M.N. Management Inc.
B01934	Adam's Car & Limo. Service
B01146	Church Avenue C/S Inc.
B01328	Commack Inc. D/b/a Barona's Car Service
B01066	Dominicana Rad Disp Inc.
B02032	Glory Car & Limo. Service Inc.
B01606	La Mexicana Express Inc.
B00992	Linda & M Transportation Inc.
B01700	Linden Express Car Services Inc.
B01514	Los Andes Limo Inc.
B01498	Mega Car Service Corp.
B02058	Mex Express Car Service
B01492	Mobil Car Service Inc.
B00932	Natasha's Group Car Corp.
B01131	New Enrico C/S Corp.
B00984	PJ Car Service
B01176	Santo Domingo C/S Inc.
B02390	Tel Aviv Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B01642	Victory Car & Limo Service Inc.
B02404	Woodside Car & Limo Inc.

**RENEWAL & CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):**

B01930	Nortena Express Car Service Inc.
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**CHANGE OF LOCATION (4):**

B00559 7 Ocean Express Inc.  
B01045 Caprice Car Service No.2 Inc.  
B01672 New Daynight Car Service  
B00196 New Easy Way Radio Disp Inc.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, NAME & LOCATION (4):**

B02486 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Express Car & Limo Service Corp.  
B00957 DMD Inc.  
B02415 Fairway Car Service Inc.  
B02511 La Corona Express Car Service Inc.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & LOCATION (1):**

B02378 Wellcare Car Service Inc.

**CHAGE OF OWNERSHIP (2):**

B02396 Ola Car Service Inc.  
B02536 Seagull Corporate Transportation LLC

**CHANGE OF BASE NAME & LOCATION (1):**

B02427 Monarca Car & Limo Service Corp

**The following bases are recommended for denial (3) :**

B01552 Active Express Car & Limo. Service Inc.  
B02619 Urban Car & Limo. Service  
B00136 Big D Royal Car Service

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, Proposed Accessibility Rules, was presented for public hearing and commission action. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the rules, which implemented a settlement with Disability Rights Advocates and would make 50% of TLC's medallion taxicab fleet accessible by 2020. Additionally, the Proposed Rules establish a thirty cent surcharge to be added to all fares to help fund the conversion of

vehicles to accessible vehicles and to cover the additional, on-going maintenance costs of owning and operating an accessible vehicle. Changes were made to the published version of the Proposed Rules as the result of public and staff comment including providing a process of annual review of the Taxicab and Street Hail Livery Improvements Fund and providing for the possibility that the Street Hail Livery Improvement Fund can be used to fund the dispatch program. TLC Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning Ashwini Chhabra gave a brief presentation on the Proposed Rules and the process for how the rules would be implemented. The Chair then opened the hearing on the Proposed Rules and testimony was provided by the following speakers: Gail Brewer, Manhattan Borough President; Noquel Matos on behalf of City Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez; Ronnie Ellen Raymond, United Spinal Association; James Weisman, United Spinal Association; Julia Pinover, Disability Rights Advocates; Edith Prentiss, Taxis for All; Jean Ryan, Disabled in Action; Simi Linton, Disability Rights Advocates; Crystal Rivera, Bronx Independent Living Services; George Laszlo; Elizabeth Ramos, Disabled in Action; Susan Dooha, Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York; Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Gary Farberov, Abba Transportation; Joseph Rappaort, Taxis for All; Michael O'Loughlin, Cab Riders United; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; John Walsh, Mobility Ventures; Bhairavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Richard Thaler, OMN Gateway; Carolyn Castro, Livery Roundtable; Erhan Tuncel, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Jason Dasilva, AXS Lab; Joe Marone, owner-driver; Osman Chowdhury, United Taxi Drivers Alliance; Marc Klein, Airports Nationwide for Clean Energy Fuels; Joanne Simon, Association on Higher Education and Disability; Nicolae Hent, owner-driver; Jeff Grobman, Advance Mobility; Victor Salazar, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; Bill Lindauer, York Taxi Workers Alliance; Mohan Singh, York Taxi Workers Alliance; and John Lotaj. Chairperson Joshi called for a vote on the Proposed Rules. Each Commissioner made a statement accompanying his or her vote and Chairperson Joshi read a statement on behalf of Commissioner Gonzales, who could not attend the meeting. Commissioner Aroust voted yes. Commissioner DeArcy voted yes. Chairperson Joshi voted yes. Commissioner Polanco voted yes. Commissioner Carone voted yes. With a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, the rule passed unanimously.

8. Item 7, Staten Island Inspection Pilot Extension, was presented for commission action. The resolution would extend the current Staten Island Inspection Pilot by one year. A vote was called on the resolution and the resolution passed unanimously.

9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on May 15, 2014



Christopher Wilson  
Acting General Counsel

6/20/14  
Date