

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**  
**May 11, 2006**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Noach Dear, *Commissioner*

Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*

Howard R. Vargas, *Commissioner*

Elliot Sander, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Charles R. Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:

- A new report showed that the number of accidents involving taxis and liveries decreased. (Tr. p.6)
- The Commission is concerned about the impact of rising gas prices, and has received a rulemaking petition requesting a fuel surcharge. (Tr. pp.6-7)
- The TLC continues to work on draft legislation involving reciprocity with other municipalities. (Tr. pp.8-9)
- In preparation for the upcoming medallion sales, there will be two informational seminars for potential bidders. (Tr. pp.9-14)
- Two new models of hybrid electric vehicles were approved for use as taxicabs. (Tr. p.14)
- The TLC has received four pilot program proposals since the new pilot program rules went into effect. (Tr. p.15)
- A viewing of accessible cabs will be held after the meeting. (Tr. p.15)
- The TC and LA plates rules will become effective May 15, 2006. (Tr. 15-16)
- The next Commission meetings are scheduled for June 15, 2006 and July 13, 2006. (Tr. 16-17)

2. Commissioner Dear made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 4, 2006 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Giannoulis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.25)
3. William Carter, *Executive Director for Licensing*, presented the following base license renewal applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

<u>Name</u>	<u>License No.</u>
<b><u>NEW APPLICATIONS (2)</u></b>	
Huang Hou Car Services, Inc.	B02111
Tomby Holding Corp. d/b/a Sen- on Car Service	B02135
<b><u>RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (54)</u></b>	
7 Ocean Inc.	B00559
910 Car Service Inc.	B00459
A & R Golden Express	B01091
American United Multiplex Car Service Corp.	B02006
B.A.L. Car Service, Inc.	B01972
Barrios Car Service	B01065
Bee-Bee Car & Limo. Corp.	B00856
Big T Service Inc. d/b/a Shack's Private Car Service	B00253
Brown & Brown Corporation	B00415
Caprice Car Service No. 2 Inc.	B01045
Central Car Services Inc.	B00625
Chelsea Express Car, Inc.	B01868
Continental Car & Limo. Service	B01327
Continental Radio Dispatch	B00325
DAT Radio dispatcher, Inc.	B01061
DePaul Car Service	B01641
Dial 7 Car & Limo Svce, Inc. d/b/a Tel Aviv C&L Svce	B00887
Division Car & Limousine Service	B01269
Flushing Limo. Transp. Corp.	B01711
Forest Avenue Car Service, Inc.	B02028
Habirah Inc. d/b/a Elat Car & Limo Service	B00378
Harlem Transportation Corp.	B00919
Highland Car Service Inc.	B01313
Jamaica Express Car Service Inc. d/b/a Sunshine Car Svc.	B01623
Kew Gardens Enterprises, Inc.	B00337
Kew Garden Operating Corp.	B00183
Keykab Service, Inc.	B01435
Kingsbay Car Service, Inc.	B00151

Lindenbaum Supply Co. Inc. d/b/a Court Express C&L Svc.	B01451
Marine Limo. & Car Service, Inc.	B01079
Merengue Limo Car Service Inc.	B01437
Mexicana Car Service, Inc.	B00889
Monumental Radio Dispatch Corp.	B01364
Nesher Express Car Service, Inc.	B01417
New Experience No. 1 Inc.	B01467
New Laconia Radio Dispatcher Inc.	B01233
New Mexicana Car Service II Inc. d/b/a Azteca Express	B00131
Palpal Corp. d/b/a 88 Car Service	B01573
P.F. Management, Inc.	B00991
Premium Radio Dispatch and Multi Services Corp.	B01777
R.C. Audubon, Inc.	B01339
Ridge Transportation Corp.	B00475
Samantha's Car Service, Inc. d/b/a Apple Express Car Svc.	B00357
Samia Car Service	B01918
Selective Car Service, Inc.	B01992
St. Albans-Hollis Car Service	B01958
Starrett-1 Inc.	B01081
STM Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Java Car & Limo. Services	B01522
The New Brooklyn Car Service, Inc.	B01259
Towncar Transportation, Inc. d/b/a New Topacio Car Svc.	B01675
U.C. Columbus Radio Dispatch Inc.	B01397
Union Radio Dispatch, Inc.	B01285
United Express C & L Svc.	B01109
Webster Car Service, Inc.	B00911

**OWNERSHIP CHANGES (1)**

Ameriworld Inc.	B01704
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**COMBINATIONS:**

**RENEWALS & RELOCATIONS (1)**

NYC Star Limousine & Car Service Corp.	B01991
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**RENEWALS & OWNERSHIP CHANGES (3)**

Boulevard Trans Inc.	B00369
Koop Dispatchers, Inc.	B00419
The Central Radio Dispatcher Inc.	B01739

The following base was recommended for denial:

**DENIALS (1)**

Supreme Edenwald Car Service I	B00743
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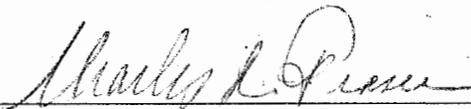
(Tr. pp.26-29)

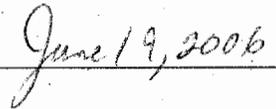
4. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. Chairman Daus seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.29)
5. Commissioner Arout moved to deny the base station license application of Supreme Edenwald Car Service, unless the applicant completes its application within thirty days. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.29-33)
6. The Chair asked the Licensing Division to follow up with the following base stations to ensure that they are adhering to their business plans: 910 Car Service Inc., A&R Golden Express, Barrios Car Service, Big T Service Inc., Caprice Car & Limo, Continental Radio Dispatch, Dial 7, Harlem Transportation, Jamaica Express, Kew Gardens Enterprises, Kew Gardens Operating Corp., Keykab Service, Marine Limo, Mexicana Car Service, Monumental Radio Dispatch, New Experience 1, P.F. Management, Premiun Radio Dispatch, St. Albans-Hollis, Towncar Transportation, Union Radio Dispatch, United Express, Webster Car Service and Boulevard Trans. (Tr. pp.30-31)
7. The Chair thanked Mr. Carter and Allen Cohen for their service to TLC, and congratulated them on retiring. (Tr. pp.36-37)
8. Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions, delivered a presentation on wheelchair accessible vehicles. (Tr. pp. 38-47).
9. A public hearing was held on rules establishing vehicle specifications for wheelchair accessible taxicabs. Mr. Fraser stated that in response to comments received from the public, the proposed rules were substantially revised, primarily to incorporate by reference federal regulations based on the Americans with Disabilities Act, rather than repeat those federal regulations in the proposed rule. The following individuals testified at the hearing: John Gresham, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest on behalf of Disabled in Action; Michael Higgins, Taxitalk; Terence Moakley, United Spinal Association; Jean Ryan, Disabled in Action; Michael Harris, Disabled Riders Coalition; Joe Gianetto, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; and Vincent Sapone. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adopt the rules as amended. Commissioner Giannoulis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.34-35, 48-84)
10. A public hearing was held on proposed rules modifying existing rules for taxicab and for-hire vehicle license expiration dates to allow a licensee to move up an expiration date in anticipation of a long-term absence. Mr. Fraser stated that in response to internal staff comments, the TLC revised the rule to extend relief to drivers whose licenses expired between March 16, 2006 and June 23, 2006. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Michael Higgins, Taxitalk; Cliff Adler; and Joe Gianetto, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adopt the rules as amended. Commissioner Sander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.84-91)

11. A public hearing was held on proposed rules regarding partitions in taxicabs equipped with factory-installed curtain airbags. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Joe Gianetto, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Vincent Sapone; and Richard Thaler. A motion to adopt the rules was made and seconded; it passed, with all votes in favor and Commissioner Giannoulis abstaining. (Tr. pp.91-127)
12. The Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.128)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
June 15, 2005.

  
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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

  
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