

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**May 15, 2014**

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*  
Christopher Wilson, *Acting General Counsel*

1. A motion was made at 10:15 to enter into executive session to consider an appeal of a discretionary license revocation in the case of *TLC v. Mohammad Ishfaq*. Chairperson Joshi and Commissioners Arout, Gonzales, Marino, and Polanco were present for the vote. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session.
2. The Commission returned from executive session at 10:40 a.m., joined by Commissioner Weinshall, who joined the Commission in executive session. At the executive session, the Commission voted unanimously to modify the penalty to rescind the discretionary license revocation and instead order a reinstatement with a mandatory program attendance for three to six months. Chairperson Joshi then called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
  - TLC has participated in several Vision Zero town hall meetings in Queens, Staten Island, and the Bronx, and several more are scheduled. The TLC has also received \$1.1 million from the City budget to use for Vision Zero initiatives, which will include funding for a safety squad that will target speeding drivers.
  - Year-to-date, TLC inspectors have seized 221 vans and 2,861 other vehicles.
  - The Chair announced four new employees: Community Assistants Hashim O. Haynes and Gabriel Vasquez, Clerical Aide Ann Valdez, and Assistant Commissioner Izabella Vais.

- The Chair noted that there will be a car show in Greenpoint, Brooklyn on June 20, 2014, which will feature 50 vintage checker cabs.

3. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (April 30, 2014, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
4. Item 5 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:

**NEW (3):**

B02707	Diane Car Service, Inc.
B02710	Parada Car Service
B02736	Trinity Car Service Inc

**RENEWALS (10):**

B00029	Community Car Svc Corp
B01704	Ameriworld I Inc
B00445	Joe M Leasing Corp
B00345	Martins Belle Harbour C/S.
B01482	Shore Transportation Inc. D/B/A Seaside Car Service
B01678	G Way Transport Inc. D/B/A Getaway Travel
B01478	Uniworld Brothers Enterprise
B01540	Rockaway Vip Service Inc.
B02476	Anytime Forsyth Transport Co
B00449	A Kings Hwy C/S Inc.

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

B02381	General Car Service Inc.
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**RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OWNESHIP AND LOCATION (1):**

B02312            JLJ Car Service Corp.

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

B02420            V S Express Limousine And Car Service Inc.

**CHANGE OF LOCATION (6):**

B02308            Norwood Car & Limo Inc.

B02103            A & S Limousine Service Corp

B02436            Federal Transit NY Inc.

B01129            Gtwy Inc. D/B/A Gateway Car & Limo Svc

B01667            New Golden Horse C/L Svc, Inc

B02497            54 Car Service Inc.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (2):**

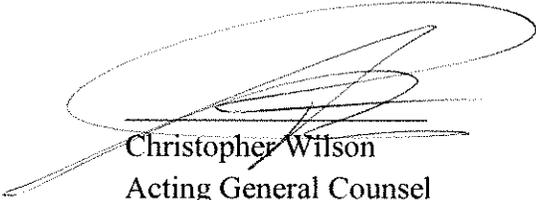
B01263            Rachel's C/S Inc.

B02034            New Imperial Car Service Inc

5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously.
  
6. Item 6, E-Hail Pilot Extension, was presented for Commission action. Jo Rausen, TLC's Director of Technology Programs, gave a presentation on the third-quarter findings of the E-Hail Pilot Program. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson then introduced the resolution to extend the E-Hail Pilot Program for one year. All of the requirements of the pilot program would be extended until May 31, 2015, with the exception of TLC's quarterly reporting requirement, which would be reduced to a semiannual reporting requirement. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson called for a vote on the resolution to extend the E-Hail Pilot Program and the resolution passed unanimously.

7. Item 7, Electric Vehicle Pilot Extension, was presented for Commission action. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the resolution, which would extend the current Electric Vehicle Pilot Program for one year. All of the requirements of the Electric Vehicle Pilot Program would be extended until March 31, 2015. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson called for a vote on the resolution to extend the Electric Vehicle Pilot Program and the resolution passed unanimously.
  
8. Item 8, Credit Card Surcharge Rules, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson introduced the rules, which increase the credit card surcharge payable by medallion lessees under the Commission's lease cap rules. The proposed rules increase the surcharge by \$1 for daily shift leases, \$6 for weekly shift leases, and \$12 for weekly medallion only and DOV-type leases. A public hearing on the rules and the following people testified: Richard Thaler, OMN Gateway; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance ("NYTWA"); Bhairavi Desai, NYTWA; and Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade. Acting General Counsel Christopher Wilson called for a vote on the rules and the rules passed unanimously.
  
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on June 19, 2014



Christopher Wilson  
Acting General Counsel

6/19/14  
Date