

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**June 14, 2007**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*  
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
  - The Chair reported that the Mayor announced that as part of implementing PlaNYC he had requested that the Commission require that its licensed vehicles convert over time to more fuel-efficient vehicles in order to achieve air quality goals. Staff will make a detailed presentation to the Commission at the July meeting. (Tr. pp. 3-4).
  - The Chair reported that the all four vendors of the taxicab technology customer service enhancements have been approved to start marketing their materials and to start signing up medallion owners as potential clients. The four companies are: Taxi Technology, Verifone Transportation Systems, Digital Dispatch Systems (DDS) and Creative Mobile Technologies. The Chair reminded the industry that TLC rules require that every medallion owner must, by August 1, have a contract signed with at least one of these four vendors. He also reported that the taxi technology equipment is required to be installed in taxicabs beginning with the first vehicle inspection scheduled on or after October 1. The Chair recommended that industry members sign up for the TLC's ListServe on the website in order to automatically receive an e-mail notification of TLC notices or news items. The Chair reported that the TLC has mailed to every single medallion owner the marketing materials for two of the four vendors, and the mailing for the other two vendors will go out shortly. He reported that on June 25, TLC will hold a vendor expo at the Woodside facility from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. (Tr. pp. 4-6).

- The Chair reported that the June 1 deadline for responses to the Request for Information for two projects, mobility seats for accessible vehicles and the retrofitting of Toyota Sienna rear-entry accessible vehicles, had passed and that the TLC had not received any additional responses. The TLC is proceeding forward with the original pilot plans submitted by Bruno and Autovan. The Chair reported that June 29 is the due date for a third Request for Information, regarding hearing enhancement technology for taxicabs. TLC has received some responses from advocates and is hoping to have more information from companies that are able to analyze and give the cost of doing such a project. (Tr. pp. 6-7).
  - The Chair reported that a notice was published in the City Record that describes the accessible vehicle dispatch demonstration project and invited interested vendors to submit proposals by June 25. Executive Charge, Inc. has expressed their interest in working with the TLC. (Tr. pp. 7-8).
  - The Chair reported that the next two Commission meetings were tentatively scheduled for July 12 and August 9. (Tr. p. 8).
  - The Chair reported that Kevin Fitzpatrick of the Taxi Workers Alliance passed away last week, and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. (Tr. pp. 9-10).
2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2007 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arout. It was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 24-25).
  3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

**The following bases were recommended for approval:**

**NEW (6)**

1010 Luxury Cars	B02189
ARC Car & Limo. Service	B02193
Encore Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B02185
Kolel Car & Limousine Transportation Inc.	B02174
New Way Car Service Inc.	B02178
Number 1 Transportation Inc.	B02194

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (26)**

810 Car Service Corp.	B01016
3210 Webster Ave. Prestige Car Service	B01338
Arecibo Car Service Inc.	B01346

Atlantic Car Service	B00821
Belle-Rock of Beach Channel Inc.	B01546
Blu White Assoc. Trans. Service Inc.	B00492
Brown & Brown Corp.	B00415
City Line Car Service Inc.	B01553
Community Car Service Corp.	B00029
F.J.A. Livery Corp. d/b/a Village Car Service	B00023
Friendly-Bestway Transportation	B00531
G-Way Transport Inc.	B01678
Habirah Inc. d/b/a Elat Car & Limousine	B00378
Indo-Pak Inc. d/b/a Main Street Car Service	B01815
JJS Transportation Inc. d/b/a/ Grant Cit Car Service	B01379
JSE Management Corp. d/b/a Dial A Ride	B00255
Kingsbay Car Service Inc.	B00151
Lil'D Dispatch Inc.	B01308
Lincoln Limo. Service Inc.	B00619
Mauser Service, Inc. d/b/a/ Nu Nu Car Service	B01028
Metro Luxury Inc.	B01389
Michaels Car Service d/b/a/Union Limo & Car Service	B01020
Rite Way Private Car Service	B00305
Royal Car & Limo. Service	B00653
UNC Car & Limo. Service	B00882
Vee Cee Limousine Service, Inc. d/b/a/ Nostrand Car Service	B00281

**RENEWAL & RELOCATION (1)**

Luxor Limo. Inc.	B02035
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**RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

CIA Car & Limo. Service	B02034
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**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2)**

New Commando Car Service Corp. d/b/a/ N.Y. Saeta	B01738
NY Limo Transportation Corp.	B01526

**RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE(1)**

Masada III Car & Limo. Service Corp.	B01710
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**RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2)**

My Car Service	B01416
Stillwell Ave Inc. d/b/a Tee Jay Car Service	B01147

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1)**

Marine Limo. & Car Service	B01079
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**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

Pamelene Transportation Corp. d/b/a Sea Breeze Car Service B01021

**The following bases were recommended for denial:**

**DENIALS (2):**

New Bell Car Service Corp. B01190

Yes 2000 Car & Limo. B02187

(Tr. pp. 24-35).

4. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 35).
5. Commissioner Dear made a motion to deny both of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 35-36).
6. Davin Stowell from Smart Design, Samara Epstein, Director of Constituent Affairs, and Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions, delivered a presentation on new exterior taxicab markings and designs. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the design of the new exterior taxicab markings. The motion was passed by a vote of 7-1, with Commissioner Dear voting against it (Tr. pp. 37-44).
7. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules relating to taxicab exterior markings. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Vincent Sapone, managing director of the League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Bill Lindauer, member of the New York City Taxi Workers Alliance; and Ed Sloam, president of Taxi Tech. A motion was made by Chairman Daus to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall. The motion was passed by a vote of 7-1, with Commissioner Polanco voting against it. (Tr. pp. 46-79).
8. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules relating to medallion auction procedures. Ethan Gerber testified at the hearing. The proposal was tabled. (Tr. pp. 86-136).
9. Chris Wilson, Assistant General Counsel, delivered a presentation on medallion transfer and escrow procedures, and the need for rulemaking revisions. (Tr. pp. 136-148)

10. Chairman Daus reported that the attorney for Mohammed Elbstamey had requested an adjournment from the Commission to consider Mr. Elbstamey's appeal. Chairman Daus stated that this will be final adjournment granted for Mr. Elbstamey. (Tr. pp. 150-152).
11. Chairman Daus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Arout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 152).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on July 12, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

July 13, 2007  
Date