

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

June 22, 2015

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

William Aguado, *Commissioner*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. with Commissioners Aguado, Arout, Carone, Gonzales, and Polanco present and reported the following:
 - The Chair welcomed William Aguado to the Commission. Commissioner Aguado was appointed by Mayor de Blasio and confirmed by the City Council on May 27, 2015. Commissioner Aguado, a community and cultural leader in the Bronx, will be serving as the Bronx representative on the Commission.
 - Dawn Miller was promoted from Executive Director of Strategic Planning to Chief of Staff at the TLC.
 - On June 5, Justine Johnson resigned from her position as TLC's Director of External Affairs to begin work as Assistant Vice President for Government and Community Relations for the New York City Economic Development Corporation.
 - On June 9, with the assistance of City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, the TLC launched a public service announcement highlighting the issue of service refusal. The goal is to raise awareness of the passenger's rights by visually portraying examples of unlawful service refusals.
 - On June 2, the TLC and Council Member Jimmy Vacca announced the first participants in the Vehicle Safety Technology Pilot. IonFleets and Mobileye have installed black box technology in 18 vehicles with more vehicles in the pipeline.
 - On June 25, the TLC will hold the first yellow taxi accessibility drawing, an important step toward fulfilling the City's commitment to achieving meaningful accessible service. The drawing is for unrestricted independent medallion owners

whose vehicles are scheduled for retirement in 2016. Those selected in the drawing will be required to hack up their vehicle as an accessible vehicle.

- The TLC published proposed fare lease cap rules, which would, among other things, allow DOV leasing to be spread out over more than three years and drivers to be paid out in non-cash methods so long as the drivers will incur no fees. Comments are welcome.
 - The TLC is considering pilot proposals to give yellow taxi drivers more flexibility in determining what hours they work, as well as planning to look at penalty provisions in the rules to determine whether they are fair across license type.
2. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (May 28, 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 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:

RENEWAL (3):

Picture Properties, Inc./ dba: Deuces Transport Services
Rachel's Car Service, Inc.
Swift 75 Car & Limo Svc., Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, BASE NAME & LOCATION (1):

Empire Of Simcha Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & BASE NAME (1):

New Webster Car Service Inc.

CHANGE OF BASE NAME (1):

Tulcingo Car Service Inc.

BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (1):

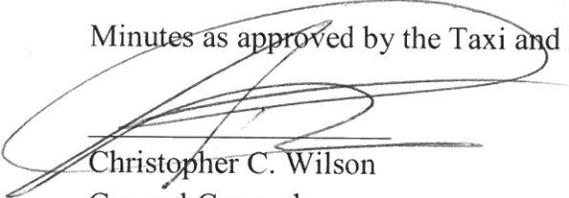
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4. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications recommended for approval and deny the bases recommended for denial. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Item 6, Street Hail Livery Renewal Fee, was presented for commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which would set the fee for renewal of three-year

SHL license. Based on feedback, the proposed fee was reduced from \$1200 to \$900. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.

6. Item 7, FHV App Rules, was presented for commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which establish a new license class for Dispatch Service Providers and amend rules relating to the dispatch of FHV's through means other than communicating with a dispatcher. Following a May 2015 hearing on the bill, the TLC made changes to the rules, including: removing provisions for liability for associated bases; removing requirements that associated bases of different types create a way to request a specific class of service; removing the technology fee; providing for identifying information and booking tools; providing for up to two additional devices in a vehicle which must be activated only by one touch or voice while the vehicle is in motion; clarifying that bases cannot dispatch drivers waiting in airport passenger pick-up areas; reducing the bond to \$5,000; and clarifying that provisions for the new Dispatch Service Provider license apply only to non-base booking tools that are publicly available and have a passenger interface. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously. Following a vote on the rules, and in response to letters requesting a delay on this vote because of the potential impact of these rules on the TLC's accessibility goals, Commissioner Carone stated that he saw no connection between the two issues and that he was comfortable voting for the rules.
7. Item 8, Taxi Agent Rule Revisions, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. Daniel Goddin, Assistant General Counsel at the TLC, gave a presentation on the rules, which would permit taxi agents to remit to the appropriate parties taxes, surcharges, and other funds collected on behalf of owners, and establish penalties, including license suspension, for failing to do so. Garber Farber, Abba Local Transportation, testified on the rules. The General Counsel then called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on July 16, 2015.


Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel


Date