

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**July 12, 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 taxicab technology project is proceeding quite well. TLC held two very successful vendor expos at the Woodside facility; over 1,000 people attended the first expo. TLC continues to do outreach at the airports with taxicab owner-drivers as well. The Chair reported that he was pleasantly surprised to see the industry reacting positively, and welcoming the new technology. The level of compliance with the August 1<sup>st</sup> contracting deadline is basically close to half the fleet at this point. The Chair recommended that the best way for people to stay informed is through the TLC's website, which includes a technology project section. The Chair extended kudos to the TLC's technology team. (Tr. pp. 3-8).
  - The Chair reported that the deadline for responses to the hearing enhancement technology Request for Information was June 29. TLC received several responses, including responses from two vendors who manufacture technology, Assistive Audio and Oval Window. Neither company expressed interest in conducting a pilot project, but they did explain the technology and its applicability. Staff will follow up with the vendors and explore options. (Tr. pp. 8-9).
  - The Chair reported on the Request for Proposals for the TLC's rules revision project. A tentative winner, TATC Consulting, was selected. A public hearing on the contract is being held today at the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. (Tr. pp. 9-10).

- The Chair reported that the Economic Development Corporation has issued an RFP to hire a consultant who is an expert in the automotive industry and will assist the TLC in determining how we can develop a taxicab of the future. The consultant will help us determine what we want in a taxi, and what is doable, and how we draw up technical specifications and work with car manufacturers to accomplish this goal. Proposals are due to the EDC no later than July 23 at 4:00 pm. (Tr. pp. 10-12).
  - The Chair reported that the TLC placed a Notice of Intent to enter into a Demonstration Project regarding the accessible vehicle dispatch project. The deadline of June 25 has passed and we had six responses from interested vendors. Staff consulted with each vendor and decided to continue negotiations with Executive Charge, Inc., the first entity under this project to approach us. (Tr. pp. 12-13).
  - The Chair reported on Garden in Transit. It may be one of the biggest volunteer efforts in City history; 23,000 volunteers have painted decals. The next phase is industry outreach to the medallion owners to obtain their voluntary cooperation. There will be a final paint-a-thon on July 21. (Tr. pp. 13-16).
  - The Chair welcomed new employees from the TLC's Consumer Relations Call Center. (Tr. pp. 16-18).
  - The Chair welcomed David Klahr, the new Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner. (Tr. pp. 18-19).
  - The Chair reported that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 9. The agenda will include a public hearing on proposed paratransit rules and a presentation concerning the Mayor's clean air initiatives. (Tr. pp. 19-20).
2. Willy Wong from New York City Marketing delivered a presentation on a proposed design for decals identifying accessible vehicles and clean air vehicles. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed design. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 7-1, with Commissioner Polanco opposed. (Tr. pp. 21-26).
  3. A motion to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2007 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arout. It was seconded by Commissioner Polanco, and passed 7-0. (Tr. p. 28).
  4. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

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

**NEW (2)**

Ogden Car Services, Inc.	B02195
Spirit Car & Limo Service	B02182

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (23)**

A Kings Highway Car Service Inc.	B00449
Bee-Bee Car & Limo Corp.	B00856
Big (T) Service Inc. d/b/a/ Shack's Private Car Service	B00253
Caprice Car Service No. 2 Inc.	B01045
Columbia Street Limousine Service Inc.	B01010
Crestwood Car & Limo Service Ltd.	B00161
DAT Radio Disp. Inc.	B01061
Delince Car Livery Service Corp. d/b/a White Top Car Service	B00385
Diplo Radio Dispatch Inc.	B01196
Erushalaim Corp.	B00715
Family San Juan Radio Disp.	B01538
Flushing Express Corp. d/b/a Flushing Express Car Service	B01497
Kew Gardens Enterprises Inc.	B00337
Kew Garden Operating Corp.	B00183
Koop Dispatchers Inc.	B00419
Martins Belle Harbour Car Service	B00345
Moisha Express Inc.	B00373
New Mexicana Car Service II Inc. d/b/a Azteca Express	B00131
Professional Car Service Inc.	B00221
Queens Village Inc.	B00031
Shamrock Dispatch Inc. d/b/a Kelly's Private Car Service	B00171
Surf Car Systems Inc.	B00429
Try Management Co. Inc. d/b/a Apple Car Service	B00055

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

Montague Management Services Inc. d/b/a Prominent Car & Limo	B02055
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**RENEWAL, RELOCATION, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (4)**

Cabrini Car Service Corp (To be changed to Premium Brother Corp)	B00457
MAJ Management Inc. d/b/a All Corners Car Service (d/b/a to be changed to City & Ride Car & Limo Service)	B00593
4621 Avenue N Corp. d/b/a Mill Basin Car Service (d/b/a to be	B01733

changed to SHMT Inc.)  
Central Rockaway Car Service Corp. d/b/a Shore Car Service  
(d/b/a to be changed to Rocapulco Car Service) B00639

**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4)**

7 Ocean Express Inc. B00559  
Classic Car Service Corp. d/b/a Paisa Classic B01381  
Joe M. Leasing Corp. d/b/a Four Twos Private Car Service B00445  
Rechev of Brooklyn Inc. B00727

**RELOCATION (1)**

Duke Car & Limo Service B02078

**RELOCATION & NAME CHANGE (1)**

Shadia Car & Limo Service (to be changed to V.M. Car & Limo  
Svc. Inc.) B02093

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

Dominican Car Service Inc. B00302

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

**DENIALS (2):**

Boulevard Trans. Inc. B00369  
Roxy Car & Limo Service B02188

(Tr. pp. 28-30).

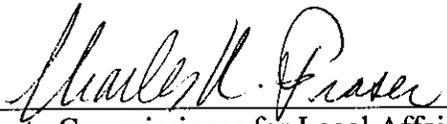
5. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dear, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 30).
6. Commissioner Vargas made a motion to deny both of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 30-31).
7. Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions, delivered a presentation on the lithium battery pilot with Hybrid Technologies, Inc. He stated that the vehicle was not prepared for the cold weather when it debuted in March, and performed only 30 shifts before the company recalled the vehicle to change the battery. The vehicle has not been returned to the fleet, and the company has been unresponsive to our attempts to contact them. Mr. Schenkman recommended that the pilot project be terminated. Mr. Fraser stated that the Chair

could terminate the MOU, and that Commission action was not required. (Tr. pp. 31-33).

8. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, delivered a presentation on for-hire vehicle industry accountability. (Tr. pp. 36-95).
9. Commissioner Dear made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session without the Chair being present, to consider the appeal of Mohammed Elbstamey, license number 443681. Commissioner Arout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 95-96).
10. At the executive session, the appeal of Mohammed Elbstamey, hack license number 443681, was heard. The respondent and his attorney, Cynthia Fisher, appeared. By a vote of 4-2, the Commission reduced the penalty from revocation to suspension (time served), fine of \$1,000 to be paid within three months, and one year's probation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on August 9, 2007.

  
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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

  
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