

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**September 10, 2008**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jeffrey Kay, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *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 TLC has been sued by the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade with regard to the upcoming effective date of the new fuel efficiency standards. The Chair did not comment on the litigation, but reaffirmed that hybrid vehicles are safe when passengers wear their seatbelts. The TLC plans to move forward with the October 1 implementation date. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
  - The Chair reported on ongoing efforts to make hybrid vehicles available to the industry for purchase as taxicabs. Vehicle availability meets Commission expectations and there are plenty of vehicles available for purchase. Next week, dealers should be receiving Malibus and Altimas that meet the new fuel efficiency standards. Ford Escapes continue to be available. The TLC is monitoring the situation and is available to answer questions. (Tr. p. 4)
  - The Chair reported on the Taxi Technology Customer Service Enhancements. 12,492 taxis, approximately 94% of the fleet, have installed the credit card and taxi technology equipment. Tips continue to average at or near 20%. (Tr. pp. 4-5)
  - The Chair reported that the accessible dispatch system is running. 231 rides have been completed so far, with only 14 cancellations. The system is still in testing, but the TLC is working to add new drivers. Cabs from the recent medallion sale are still getting on the road. The TLC is working to increase service availability before beginning public relations outreach. The Chair

thanked Assistant Commissioner Epstein for her hard work on the project. (Tr. pp. 5-6)

- The Chair reported that the Mayor's Management Report is expected to be released on September 17, 2008. (Tr. p. 6)
  - The Chair reported that there were 1,388 hybrid electric cabs on the road. There are signs that manufacturers are meeting their commitments to make vehicles available for purchase as cabs, including 50 Escapes, 50 Malibus, and 200 Nissan Altimas per month. (Tr. p. 6)
  - The Chair reported that the next Commission Meeting is tentatively set for October 15. (Tr. p. 6)
  - The Chair reported on Operation Zero Tolerance, a recent effort to stop unlicensed and illegal liveries operating in the central business district. 1,442 summonses have been issued pursuant to Operation Zero Tolerance. This operation will continue. (Tr. p. 6)
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to adopt the minutes of the June 12 and August 7, 2008 Commission meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco, and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 7)
3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

**The TLC Licensing and Standards Division is presenting 87 livery base applications for determination. The following bases are recommended for approval.**

**NEW (2):**

|                               |        |
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| 39 Line Trip Car Service, Inc | B02268 |
| Joe Car Service               | B02258 |

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (67):**

|                                                      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 128 Blue Bird Transport Inc. D/b/a Latch Car Service | B00054 |
| Alex II                                              | B01195 |
| Alex Exp Car & Limousine, Inc.                       | B01398 |
| A New Day Radio Dispatch Inc.                        | B01341 |
| Apple Radio Cars, Inc.                               | B00318 |
| Athenian Limo. Inc. D/b/a Acropolis                  | B01594 |
| Bailey Radio Dispatch, Inc.                          | B01234 |
| Bamadu Car Service                                   | B00746 |
| Bell Car Service, Inc.                               | B00802 |
| Blue Car & Limo. Inc.                                | B02030 |
| BQN Car Service Corp.                                | B01051 |

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| Brooklyn Radio Dispatch, Inc.                                  | B01312 |
| C-Anne Corp. D/b/a AAA-Apple Car Service                       | B00718 |
| Cheers Dispatch, Inc. D/b/a 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Car Service | B00692 |
| Cherry Car & Limousine Service, Inc                            | B02108 |
| Community Car Service Priscilla Corp.                          | B00041 |
| Deborah Car & Limousine Service, Inc.                          | B01326 |
| Dominicana Radio Dispatcher, Inc.                              | B01066 |
| Emes of Boropark Car Service, Inc                              | B01274 |
| Emunah Car Service, Inc.                                       | B00170 |
| Family Car Service                                             | B00278 |
| Fast Operating Corporation D/b/a Carmel Car Service            | B00256 |
| Fenix Car Service Corp.                                        | B01386 |
| Fiat Express Corp.                                             | B01706 |
| Gotham Car Service, Inc. D/b/a Legend Car Service              | B01406 |
| Gunhill Car Service                                            | B00728 |
| H & B Car & Limousine, Inc. D/b/a Sunnyside Car Service        | B01616 |
| Harbor View Transportation of Staten Island                    | B00112 |
| High Bridge Car Service D/b/a Do Max Corporation               | B00334 |
| Hillside 24 Hours Radio Dispatch, Inc.                         | B01048 |
| Hummingbird Car Service Inc.                                   | B00106 |
| KKD Enterprise, Inc. D/b/a Orange Limo. & Car Service          | B01971 |
| Kingsbird Car Service Corporation D/b/a King's Car Service     | B00338 |
| Lex Car Service Inc.                                           | B02041 |
| Linden Car Services, Inc.                                      | B01700 |
| Lindy's Cars, Inc.                                             | B00548 |
| Magnificent 7's Enterprise Inc.                                | B00855 |
| Malcolm Radio Group, Inc.                                      | B01380 |
| Merrick Car Service Inc.                                       | B00346 |
| New Easy Way Radio Dispatch Inc.                               | B00196 |
| New Ecuatorian Car & Limousine Service, Inc.                   | B01264 |
| New Elegante Car Service Inc.                                  | B01288 |
| New Family Radio Dispatch Inc.                                 | B01527 |
| New Harlem Car Service Inc.                                    | B01355 |
| New York Velotax Car Service Inc.                              | B01470 |
| Ocean Car Service, Inc. D/b/a Beach Car Service                | B01694 |
| One Call Car & Limousine Service                               | B02089 |
| Pamelene Transportation Corp. D/b/a Sea Breeze Car Service     | B01021 |
| R Transport, Inc.                                              | B01614 |
| Rego Park Express Inc.                                         | B01444 |
| Rescue Car Inc.                                                | B00652 |
| Reyno Car Service, Inc.                                        | B00222 |
| Round Town Private Car Service, Inc.                           | B00570 |
| Seaman Radio Dispatchers Inc.                                  | B00860 |
| Shepreid Car Service & Limousine Corp. D/b/a Delta Car         | B01292 |

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| Service                                                                               |        |
| SRL Car Service Inc.                                                                  | B02012 |
| T & S Hillside Inc. D/b/a Red Cap Car Service                                         | B00756 |
| T-D Maintenance Corp. D/b/a Four Ones Car Service                                     | B00008 |
| Together Car Service                                                                  | B00876 |
| Tovar Transportation, Inc.                                                            | B01432 |
| Tov Too Transportation Inc.                                                           | B01685 |
| Transit Private Car Service Inc.                                                      | B00056 |
| TS Limo. LLC D/b/a Continental Private Car & Limousine                                | B00710 |
| Unity Car Service, Inc.                                                               | B01056 |
| Vin Jac Corp. D/b/a Glen Belle Car Service                                            | B01250 |
| Watson Car Service, Inc.                                                              | B00310 |
| ZPI Corporation D/b/a National High Class                                             | B00290 |
| <b><u>RENEWAL &amp; OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2):</u></b>                                     |        |
| Champion Car & Limousine Service, Inc.                                                | B00350 |
| Segura Mobile Service, Inc. D/b/a Allen Car Limousine Service                         | B00790 |
| <b><u>RENEWAL &amp; NAME CHANGE (1):</u></b>                                          |        |
| Queens Dispatch Service Inc. (To be changed to Howard Car Service)                    | B00210 |
| <b><u>RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP CHANGE &amp; NAME CHANGE (2):</u></b>                        |        |
| Premier Car Service (To be Changed to Big East Multi Group Corp.)                     | B00220 |
| Yes Express Inc. D/b/a Yes Car Service (To be changed to Sunline Transportation, Inc) | B00248 |
| <b><u>RELOCATION (1):</u></b>                                                         |        |
| New York Ride, Inc.                                                                   | B01857 |
| <b><u>RELOCATION &amp; OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):</u></b>                                  |        |
| NY88 Express Corporation                                                              | B01984 |
| <b><u>RELOCATION, OWNERSHIP CHANGE &amp; NAME CHANGE (1):</u></b>                     |        |
| Roxy Car & Limo. (To be changed to Colonial Car & Limousine, Inc.)                    | B02188 |
| <b><u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE &amp; NAME CHANGE (1):</u></b>                                 |        |
| Delta Cars Inc. (To be changed to Old Town Car Service, LLC)                          | B01808 |
| <b><u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):</u></b>                                                   |        |
| The New Brooklyn Car Service                                                          | B01259 |
| <b>The following bases are recommended for denial (8):</b>                            |        |
| Comfort Car & Limousine Service, Corp.                                                | B00074 |
| Dominican Car Service, Inc.                                                           | B00302 |
| Ecu Mex Inc. D/b/a Cancun Express Car & Limo Service                                  | B02039 |
| Eilat Transportation Inc. D/b/a Manhattan Car Service                                 | B01243 |
| Golden Dragon Express, Inc.                                                           | B02102 |
| Ivoire Car Service Inc.                                                               | B01811 |
| M & H Car Service Corp.                                                               | B02043 |
| New American Class Car Service, Corp.                                                 | B01392 |

(Tr. pp. 7-9)

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polanco and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco, and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 8)
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to deny 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 Polanco and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco, and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 9)
6. Item 4 on the agenda, Proposed Rules for Commission Action—Adjudication Rules to Implement Local Law 16 of 2008, was presented to the Commission for a vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco and Weinshall). (Tr. pp. 9-10)
7. Item 5 on the agenda, Insignia for Accessible Taxicabs, was presented for Commission Action. Assistant Commissioner Epstein presented the insignia to the Commission. A public hearing was held on proposed rules to implement the new insignia. No one testified at the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kay and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco and Weinshall). A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve the insignia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco and Weinshall) (Tr. pp. 10-13)
8. A public hearing was held on proposed rules amending the vinyl upholstery rules. The following people testified at the hearing: Erhan Tuncel; Ron Sherman, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; and David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonzales and it passed unanimously (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco and Weinshall). (Tr. pp. 13-33)
9. Commissioner Weinshall made a motion to close the meeting and convene in executive session without the Chair present to consider the appeals of TLC v. Harold Jean-Baptiste/ Hack License No. 435679, and TLC v. Katomah Dolley/ Hack License No. 5202175. Commissioner Arout seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 33)

10. At the executive session, the appeals of Harold Jean-Baptiste/ Hack License No. 435679, and Katomah Dolley/ Hack License No. 5202175 were heard. By a vote of 5-0 (Commissioners Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Polanco and Weinshall), the Commission affirmed the Chair's decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
November 20, 2008.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

  
Date