

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

October 11, 2007

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*
Noach Dear, *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 on the potential taxicab service disruption that is being planned for October 22. The Chair stated that a contingency plan would soon be announced. (Tr. p. 3)
 - The Chair reported on the taxicab technology service enhancement project. A federal lawsuit seeking to stop the program was initiated. A motion for a preliminary injunction to halt the program was denied; therefore, the technology service enhancement project is allowed to continue while the lawsuit proceeds. The Chair reported that the rollout is proceeding very smoothly, with approximately twenty-five percent of the taxicabs equipped. The Chair further reported that TLC performed additional quality control testing on over fifty percent of the units on the street. Ninety-nine percent of the tested vehicles passed every single service level goal that they are supposed to meet. In addition, preliminary data shows that of those transactions over the last several months where passengers are using credit cards, that tips are averaging about twenty-one percent. The Chair also reported that one of the four vendors, Taxicab Technology, has outstanding issues relating to contractual obligations. The issues must be resolved within thirty days or their contract with TLC will be terminated. TLC sent out letters to all of the medallion owners who had signed contracts with this company, approximately 2,200 owners. Any owner who has an inspection scheduled for October 1st through November 30th who has a signed contract with Taxi Technology will get an extension from installation of a system until their next scheduled inspection. (Tr. pp. 3-7)

- The Chair reported on the Garden in Transit project. Portraits of Hope estimates that there are between 2,000 and 5,000 taxicabs displaying the decals. The Chair further reported that New York One will be honoring everyone involved with the Garden in Transit project as the New Yorker of the Week in a television spot this weekend. (Tr. pp. 7-8)
 - The Chair reported that at least ten percent of the taxicabs have the new logos that were recently adopted by the Commission. Between the new logos and the Garden in Transit flower decals, it is a very exiting new look for the cabs this fall. (Tr. p. 8)
 - The Chair reported on the upcoming medallion sale. Several informational seminars for prospective bidders were held. There will be a streaming video of the seminar on TLC's website for those interested persons who were unable to attend. The first auction will be for sixty-three accessible individually owned and operated medallions. The minimum upset price has been set at \$189,000. Bid collections are scheduled for October 26, 29 and 31. The bids will be opened November 1. (Tr. pp. 8-10)
 - The Chair reported on the Rules Revision project. The consultants from TATC have been meeting one-on-one with Commissioners to understand what the Commissioners would like to see evolve from our rules. TATC will also meet with major stakeholders in the industry and hold focus group meetings to obtain industry input as well. (Tr. pp. 10-11)
 - The Chair reported that the Mayor signed a bill into law requiring that commuter vans have identifying stickers on the sides of the vehicles. TLC staff is researching to find a design for the stickers that will be foolproof and fraud resistant. (Tr. pp. 11-12)
 - The Chair reported that the next two regularly scheduled Commission meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 and Thursday, December 13, 2007. (Tr. pp. 12-13)
 - The Chair announced that an Urban Fellow, Kirsten Eiler, will work for the agency for the next nine months. (Tr. pp. 13-14)
 - The Chair congratulated Commissioner Dear upon his Democratic primary victory for the position of civil court judge. (Tr. p. 14)
2. A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Commission meeting by Commissioner Weinshall. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it was passed 5-0. (Tr. pp. 16-17).
 3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

NEW (2)

Murray Car Service Inc.	B02210
Roxy Car & Limo. Service	B02188

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (13)

A & R Golden Exp. Inc.	B01091
Advantage Car & Limo. Service	B02071
America United Multiplex Car Service Corp.	B02006
Broad Dyckman Car Service Inc.	B01083
Concorde Exp of N.Y. Inc.	B01751
Hanway Inc. d/b/a 88 Car Service	B01573
Mexicana Car Service Inc.	B00889
New American Car & Limousine Service	B01057
New York Ride Inc.	B01857
R.C.S. Transportation Corp. d/b/a Remsen Car Service	B00665
Supreme Edenwald Car Service Inc.	B00743
Towncar Transportation Inc. d/b/a New Topacio Car Service	B01675
Yours Car Service Inc.	B01601

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2)

Aventine Auto Rental Inc. d/b/a Safeway Car Service	B00319
The New Brooklyn Car Service Inc.	B01259

RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE

Monumental Radio Dispatch Corporation	B01364
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RELOCATION (2)

New Relampago Car Service Corp.	B01487
Reyno Car Service Inc.	B00222

OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

Belle Rock of Beach Channel Drive Inc.	B01546
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The following bases were recommended for denial:

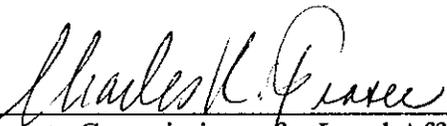
DENIALS (1):

Omnuri Limousine Tour, Inc. (Tr. pp. 17-27).	B02015
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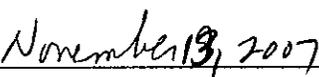
4. Commissioner Dear made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion and it was passed 6-0. (Tr. p. 28).
5. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to deny the base station license application that was recommended for denial if it does not comply with requirements within thirty days. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion and it was passed 6-0. (Tr. p. 29).
6. David Klahr, Chief of Staff for the First Deputy Commissioner's Office, delivered a presentation on a proposed pilot program testing hearing loop technology. He was joined by Frederick Palm of Assistive Audio. The Chair made a motion to approve the pilot program proposal, with a duration of up to thirteen months, with an unlimited number of participants, utilizing five to fifteen vehicles per participant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dear and passed 6-0. (Tr. pp. 30-41)
7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it passed 6-0. (Tr. p. 41).

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

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
November 13, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date