

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

October 21, 2010

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
 - The Chair reported on the livery stand pilot program. The stand at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal opened just after Labor Day and has been averaging 275 rides per day. A similar pilot livery stand will be opening at Jamaica Station, at the end of the E train in Queens, around Thanksgiving. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
 - Chairman Yassky reported on group ride stands in Manhattan. The stands have seen mixed success. The stands at 57th Street and 8th Avenue, West 72nd Street and Columbus Avenue, and East 72nd Street and Third Avenue have not been a success. The stand at the Port Authority has been a success, averaging 20 rides per day. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
 - Chairman Yassky reported on the group ride vehicle pilot program. Five routes are operating and three of them have some traffic. On the other two routes, there has been very little ridership. Additionally, the TLC has stepped up enforcement against illegal commuter vans, seizing 131 vehicles in the past few weeks. (Tr. pp. 6-7)
 - The Chair reported on an incident some months ago in which a taxicab driver ejected two gay men from his cab. He was fined by the TLC for a service refusal. The matter was also referred to the City Commission on Human Rights as a discrimination complaint. The Human Rights Commission recently announced that it had obtained a settlement of \$2,000 paid by the driver to the complainants. This should remind all our licensees that everyone in New York City is entitled to service, free from discrimination on the basis of race or sexual orientation. (Tr. pp. 7-8)

- Chairman Yassky reported on Taxi of Tomorrow. The TLC is in the middle of the process. No one has been selected as a winner and there are not two “finalists” as reported in the local papers. This process is ongoing and TLC staff are working extraordinarily hard evaluating the proposals. (Tr. pp. 8-10)
 - The Chair reported on the taxicab technology enhancement project, known as T-PEP. The contracts with the three companies providing this service were set to expire at the end of September. The TLC is seeking improvements in service for the riding public and drivers, including lower costs and creating new revenue opportunities for drivers and owners, and more consistent and additional services for passengers. Two companies’ contracts were extended 45 days. The contract of the third company, DDS, will not be renewed. Chairman Yassky recommended that customers of DDS wait until the contracts with the other two vendors are finalized before trying to enter into new contracts. DDS is obligated by contract to provide service for a year after the expiration of the contract. Their contract was not renewed because they were providing inferior service. (Tr. pp. 10-17)
 - Chairman Yassky reported that Ira Goldstein, Assistant Commissioner for Technology Development, project manager for the T-PEP project, and former Chief of Staff, is leaving the TLC to be Executive Director of the Black Car Workers’ Compensation Fund. (Tr. pp. 17-18)
2. Item 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (September 16, 2010 Commission Meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 18-19)
 3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele-Radway, Assistant Commissioner for Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

The following bases are being recommended for approval:

NEW(5):

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| B02403 | Amigo Piolin Express Car Service, Inc. |
| B02414 | AQA Car & Limo. Service Inc. |
| B02415 | Fairway Car Service Inc. |
| B02416 | New Storm Car Service Inc. |
| B02405 | Power Luxury Radio Dispatch Inc. |

RENEWALS (9):

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| B01452 | Area’s Two Transportation Inc. |
| B02111 | Huang Hou Car Services Inc. |
| B01318 | Lower East Side Car Service Corp. |
| B01100 | Melmac Service Group Corp. D/b/a Econo Express Car Service |

B01437 Merengue Limo. & Car Service Inc.
 B01306 R.N.D. Transportation, Inc. D/b/a
 Malone's Car Service
 B01833 T.J.'s Car Service Inc.
 B01578 Top Limousine Service Inc.
 B01029 Zion Car Service, Inc.

RENEWAL & RELOCATION (2):

B01734 American Dream Car Service Inc.
 B01924 Easy Fast Car Service Inc.

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2):

B02020 Blue Diamond Car Service, Inc.
 B00041 Community Car Service Priscilla Corp.

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1):

B02089 Colonial II Car & Limo. Service

RENEWAL & NAME CHANGE (1):

B01280 Bensonhurst Car Service Corp.

RELOCATION (1):

B01768 New Superior Radio Group Corp.

The following bases are being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:

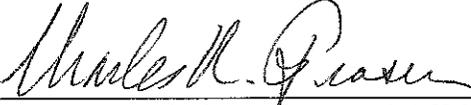
B01716 California Car Service
 B01424 Eagle Car & Limo. Ltd.
 B01971 K.K.D. Enterprise Inc. D/b/a Orange
 Limo. & Car Service
 B00290 ZPI Corporation D/b/a National High
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4. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 19)
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to deny all of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 20)
6. Item 4 (a), Proposed Amendments to "Items Which Must Be in Clear View of Passengers for Taxis and For Hire Vehicles," were presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Bill Carter of the Limousine Association of New York and Bhairavi Desai of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance spoke on the proposed amendments. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 20-28, 35)
7. Item 4 (b), Proposed LLC Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. No one signed up to speak at the public hearing. Commissioner Polanco moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 29-30)

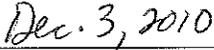
8. Item 4 (c), Proposed Black Car Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Richard Thaler, Omni Media, spoke at the public hearing. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 30-33)
9. Item 4 (d), Proposed Cell Phone Rule Amendments, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Ms. Desai spoke on the proposed amendments. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 33-40)
10. Item 4 (e), Proposed Camera Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. No one spoke at the public hearing. Commissioner Weinshall moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 40-41)
11. Item 4 (f), Proposed Accident Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Ms. Desai spoke on the proposed rules. Commissioner Polanco moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 41-43, 37)
12. The meeting was adjourned. (Tr. p. 46)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
November 18, 2010



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date