

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**November 13, 2007**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Jeffrey Kay, *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 independent accessible taxi medallion auction held on November 1, 2007. 63 medallions were sold. 151 valid bids were received. The highest winning bid was \$384,999. The lowest winning bid was \$277,777. The average winning bid was \$308,977.21. The Chair remarked that the auction winners had bought the medallions at quite a savings: the City waived its 5 percent transfer tax, and the market value for medallions according to sales reported the month before is \$425,000. A second auction, for corporate-owned accessible medallions will be held in the spring of 2008. The Chair thanked the Law Department, the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Investigation, all of whom worked very closely with TLC on the medallion sale procedures and rules. (Tr. pp. 3-6)
  - The Chair reported on the taxicab technology service enhancement project. Rollout continues to proceed smoothly, with 40 percent of all taxicabs equipped with the new technology. Preliminary data continues to show that of the credit card transactions, the tips to the drivers continue to average around the 20 percent range. The Chair reported that TLC has opted to discontinue and terminate the contract of one of the four vendors, that of Taxi Technology Corp. There are about 2,245 medallion owners that are affected by this. There is only a handful of taxis, in addition to the 200 piloted vehicles that are actually installed with these units. All Taxi Technology Corp. customers will have until the next inspection cycle commencing on February 1, 2008 to

install a unit from one of the other three approved vendors. The Chair congratulated Chief of Staff Ira Goldstein for receiving a significant city-wide award from the Department of Information and Technology for managing the taxi technology enhancements project. (Tr. pp. 6-9)

- The Chair reported on a recent City Council Transportation Committee hearing on Council Intros 256-A and 257. The Chair testified against the bills. One bill would require TLC to translate all of our rules and adjudications into many different languages. The Chair expects that our rules consultant will translate our rules into several different languages, but not the potentially hundreds of languages that the bill would require of us. The full text of the Chair's testimony is available on the TLC's website. (Tr. pp. 9-10)
  - The Chair reported that the next two regularly scheduled Commission meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 and Thursday, January 10, 2008. (Tr. pp. 10-11)
2. A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2007 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded, and it was passed 5-0 by Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzalez, Kay and Vargas. (Tr. p. 11).
  3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

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

**NEW (4)**

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| All Queens Car & Limousine, Inc.    | B02219 |
| City Limousine Transportation, Inc. | B02212 |
| Rez's Car Service, Inc.             | B02227 |
| Special Radio Dispatcher Corp.      | B02228 |

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (16)**

|   |        |
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| 440 Car Service, Inc.                                 | B01194 |
| A & S Limousine Service Corp.                         | B02103 |
| Ascona Car Service, Inc.                              | B01987 |
| Azuay Corporation d/b/a Caribe Car Service            | B01745 |
| D & J Service, Inc. d/b/a Citicar Private Car Service | B01277 |
| Dreamland C & L S                                     | B01979 |
| High Class Bronx Limo Car Service Corp.               | B01717 |
| Nesher Express Car Service, Inc.                      | B01417 |
| N.Y.C. Star Limousine & Car Service Corp.             | B01991 |
| Personal Touch Car Service                            | B00941 |
| Portal Car Service Corp.                              | B01963 |

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| RPO Car & Limousine Service, Inc.                                | B01069 |
| Selective Car Services, Inc.                                     | B01992 |
| Target Transportation Corp.                                      | B00501 |
| The Metro Marine Car Service, Inc. d/b/a Marine Limo & C/S, Inc. | B01079 |
| United Express Car & Limo Service                                | B01109 |

**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (3)**

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| Latino Mix Car Service Corp.        | B02077 |
| Presij Transp., Inc.                | B01289 |
| Wakefield Leasing Maintenance Corp. | B00597 |

**RENEWAL & RELOCATION (1)**

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| Rainbow Radio Dispatch, Inc. | B00149 |
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**RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

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| Boulevard Trans., Inc. | B00149 |
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**RELOCATION (4)**

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| B.A.L. Car Service                                    | B01972 |
| Dominicana Radio Dispatcher, Inc.                     | B01066 |
| North Shore Car & Limo Corp. d/b/a US One Car Service | B01461 |
| Super Class Radio Dispatcher, Inc.                    | B01726 |

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

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| CIA Car & Limousine Service to be Moe Limo & Car Service, Inc. | B02034 |
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**OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (3)**

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| 24/7 Luxury Car Service, Inc. to be Apollo Radio Dispatch, Inc.                        | B02107 |
| Transport One, Inc. to be Cinval Car and Limo Service, Inc. d/b/a Imperial Car Service | B01640 |
| Africa Express Car Service, Inc. to be United Express Car Service, Inc.                | B02036 |

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

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| Onnuri Limousine Tour, Inc. | B02015 |
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**The following bases were recommended for denial:**

**DENIALS (2):**

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| Samantha's Car Service d/b/a Apple Express | B00357 |
| Vandam Car & Limo Service                  | B02220 |

(Tr. pp. 11-12).

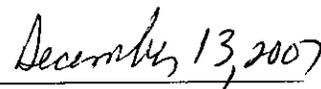
4. A motion was made to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded and it was passed 5-0 by Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzalez, Kay and Vargas. (Tr. p. 12).
5. A motion was made to deny the base station license application that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded and it was passed 5-0 by Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzalez, Kay and Vargas. (Tr. pp. 12-13).
6. A public hearing was conducted on the proposed accessible vehicle dispatch rules. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Michael Harris, representing the Disabled Riders Coalition; Matthew Sapolin, the Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities; Micah Kellner, Member of the New York State Assembly; Andrew Kurzweil, representing the TLC Disability Advisory Board and the Riders Coalition; Anne Davis, representing Taxis for All Campaigns; Marizen Satos, representing the Self Advocacy Association; Tony Phillips; Ethan Gerber, representing the Greater New York Taxi Association; Avik Kabessa, representing Carmel Car & Limo Service; Vincent Sapone, representing the League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Hussein Eisherbiny, representing the League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Mark Hemingway, representing Executive Transportation; Jesse Lore, representing Easter Seals and reading the testimony of Frederick Roberge of Easter Seals; testimony of Ronnie Alan Raymond, read by Kirsten Eiler; John Gresham, of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest representing Disabled In Action of Metropolitan New York; Beresford Simmons, representing the Taxi Workers Alliance; David Pollack, representing the Committee for Taxi Safety; Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Harvey Pacht; and Marvin Wasserman, representing the Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled. A motion was made to approve the rules. The motion was seconded, and passed 6-0 by Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzalez, Kay, Vargas and Weinshall with Commissioners Giannoulis and Polanco abstaining. (Tr. pp. 13-138)
7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and it passed 8-0. (Tr. p. 138).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
December 11, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date