

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

November 16, 2006

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*
Elliot Sander, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
 - The Chair reported that bids for 256 of the 308 recently auctioned medallions have been closed, and 248 of the medallions have been hacked up. (Tr. pp.3-4).
 - The Chair reported that phase one functional testing on the taxicab technology customer enhancements had been completed, and that passenger focus groups had been conducted. (Tr. pp. 4-5).
 - The Chair reported that the rules project request for proposals was published and distributed, and that the contract was anticipated to begin in the spring of 2007. (Tr. pp. 5-6).
 - The Chair reported that the new fare adjustment and license documentation rules would become effective November 30, 2006, and that the new hearing procedures rules would become effective December 2, 2006. (Tr. p. 6).
 - The Chair reported that the next Commission meetings would be on December 14 and tentatively January 11. (Tr. p. 7).

2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 25, 2006 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arout and seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis. It passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 8).
3. The Chair recommended that pilot project proposals from TT Ad Space regarding video screens in taxicabs and from Omni Media Network for security cameras in taxicabs be rejected. Commissioner Dear made a motion to reject, Commissioner Sander seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 8-10).
4. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, presented the following base license renewal applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (11)

Commodore Car Service Inc.	B00468
First Class Car & Limousine Corporation	B01536
Flash Car Service	B00866
Heights Car & Limousine Service	B01636
Jubilee Radio Dispatcher Corp.	B02031
My Car Service Inc.	B01416
New Pronto Transportation Inc.	B01436
New Puebla Car & Limousine Service	B01674
PD Transporter	B02039
Rescue Car Service Inc.	B00652
RND Transportation Inc. d/b/a Malones Car Service	B01306

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (3)

Area's Two Transportation Inc.	B01452
New American Class Car Service Corporation	B01392
Trans One d/b/a Imperial Car Service	B01640

RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

Cornel Car & Limousine Service	B02079
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RENEWAL & RELOCATION (3)

Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc.	B02037
Skyline Car & Limousine Service Inc.	B01270
SRL Car Service Inc.	B02012

RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

Bisho Car & Limousine Service

B02102

OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

Pak Eagle, Inc. d/b/a Jewel Avenue Car Service

B01128

The following base was recommended for denial:

DENIALS (1)

Hospital Shuttle Service Inc. d/b/a Plaza Town Cars

B00480

(Tr. pp. 10-11).

5. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval, and to deny the application that was recommended for denial. Commissioner Sander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 11).
6. The Chair asked the Licensing Division to follow up with the following base stations to ensure that they are adhering to their business plans: First Class Car & Limousine Corporation, Flash Car Service, My Car Service Inc., New Puebla Car Service, P.D. Transporter, Rescue Car Service Inc., New American Class Car Service Corporation, Trans One d/b/a Imperial Car Service, and Skyline Car and Limo Service Inc. (Tr. p. 25).
7. The Chair proposed that the flat fare sticker in taxicabs be modified to make clear that the flat fare applies both from JFK to Manhattan and from Manhattan to JFK. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the sticker. Commissioner Sander seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 11-16).
8. Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Standards and Emissions, delivered a presentation on modified taxicab partitions, including a design for the Toyota Sienna. (Tr. pp. 16-25).
9. Mr. Schenkman reported that the lithium battery-powered taxicab pursuant to the pilot project approved by the Commission would be hacked up in the next few weeks, and that a few other companies would be seeking to participate in that pilot program. (Tr. p. 23).
10. Eric Kim, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner, delivered a presentation on the Inter-Jurisdictional Pre-Arranged For Hire Vehicle Operations Act and the TLC's implementation plans regarding that statute. (Tr. pp. 26-44).

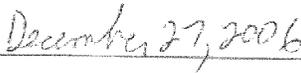
11. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules regarding implementation of the recently enacted inter-municipal for hire transportation provisions, generally referred to as the reciprocity law. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Victor Dizengoff, representing the Black Car Assistance Corporation; Vincent Sapone, representing the League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Peter Mazer; Artie Grover, representing the Livery Owners Coalition; and Dan Ackman. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules, it was seconded by Commissioner Dear, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 44-67).
12. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules regarding stand-by vehicle retirement extensions. The following individual testified at the hearing: Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxi Board of Trade. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules, it was seconded by Commissioner Dear, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 68-72).
13. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 72)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
December 14, 2006.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date