

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

November 20, 2014

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Aroust, *Commissioner*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

La Shann DeArcy, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. with Commissioners Aroust, Carone, DeArcy, Gonzales, Jiha, and Polanco present and reported the following:
 - Since the Commission approved the pilot program to place decals on licensed commuter vans so that the public could more easily identify legitimate operations, 12 commuter van authorities have been approved by the TLC to participate and have affiliated over 130 vehicles.
 - On November 7, the City's default speed limit was reduced to 25 miles per hour.
 - On November 5, Mayor de Blasio signed into law the Taxi and Livery Driver Protection Act, which will allow taxis, liveries, commuter vans, and paratransits to display signage clearly stating the consequences for assaulting a TLC-licensed driver.
 - Stan Shames retired after 36 years of dedicated service to the TLC and David Pealmutter has left the TLC after 11 years as Deputy Director of Personnel for a position at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services.
 - Commissioner DeArcy has been nominated by President Obama to serve as U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District.

2. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (October 16, 2014, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Item 4 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Chris Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

NEW (4):

B02801 EZCAR, LLC
B02744 Foxx Car & Limo Service Inc
B02791 G.A.D. Trans Inc
B02792 Ideal Limo And Ambulette Service Inc.

RENEWALS (2):

B02465 7 Star Car & Limousine Inc./ d.b.a. Dial 7 Car & Limousine Service
B01739 City Car Service Corp./ d.b.a. Digital Car Service

CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):

B02543 GTA Car & Limo Service LLC.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B01469 Brothers Car Service, Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & RELOCATION (1):

B02312 JLI Car Service Corp.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & CHANGE OF DBA (1):

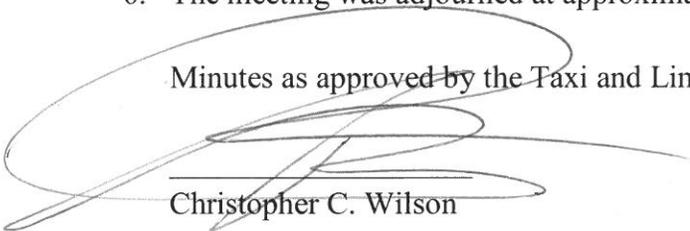
B02675 Frielech Car & Limo Service Inc./d.b.a. 15th Avenue Car Service

4. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications recommended for approval and deny the bases recommended for denial. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Item 5, Base Dispatch Rules, was presented for Commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which would require for-hire vehicle (FHV) bases to submit trip records to the TLC, prohibit a base from dispatching a vehicle affiliated with a different class of FHV base, and require bases dispatching vehicles from a different base to provide the customer with a name and license number of the base with which the dispatched car is affiliated. The Commission first considered three amendments to the rules. The first amendment changes the second bullet point in the Statement of Basis and Purpose to read: Prohibit dispatching a vehicle affiliated with a base with a different type of base license; i.e., a Livery base dispatching to a vehicle affiliated with a Black Car base. The second amendment changes Section 59A(11)(e)(3)(ii) to read: "The

dispatching Base informs the customer that the Vehicle is from another Base by providing the customer with the name and license number of both the affiliated Base and the dispatching Base (clearly identifying which Base is the affiliated Base and which Base is the dispatching Base) in all communications with the customer and any materials or receipts provided to the customer and the affiliated Base is a Base of the same License type (that is, a Black Car Base or Livery Base) as the Base dispatching the Vehicle.” The third amendment changes Section 59B(17)(d)(1) to read: “The Vehicle is affiliated with another Base of the same License type as the Base Owner’s Base (i.e., a Black Car Base may only dispatch a Vehicle affiliated with another Black Car Base; a Livery Base may only dispatch a Vehicle affiliated with another Livery Base)[,] and the Owner [informs] provides the customer with the name and license number of both the affiliated Base and the dispatching Base (clearly identifying which Base is the affiliated Base and which Base is the dispatching Base) in all communications with the customer and any materials or receipts provided to the customer.” The General Counsel called for a vote on the amendments and the amendments passed unanimously. The General Counsel then called for a vote on the Base Dispatch Rules and the rules, as so amended, passed unanimously. Commissioner Polanco made a statement following the vote regarding the coverage under the Livery Drivers Benefit Fund.

6. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on December 18, 2014.



Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

12/23/14
Date

