

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

December 15, 2011

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. The commissioners present at the time the meeting was scheduled to commence failed to constitute a quorum, so no motion was heard on Agenda Item 1 and the Commission did not enter into executive session. (Tr. p. 3)
2. At 10:15 a.m. when a quorum of commissioners was present, Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order. (Tr. p. 3)
3. Chairman Yassky omitted his Chairman's Report. (Tr. p. 3)
4. Item 4 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (November 17, 2011, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 3)
5. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Christopher Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following base was presented for consideration:

RENEWALS (1):

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Columbia Street Limo. Service Inc.

6. A motion was made to approve the base station license application that was recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 3)
7. Item 7(a), Yellow Taxi Accessible Dispatch Rule, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule. The rule implements programs under which persons in wheelchairs will

be able to call to reserve a wheelchair accessible taxicab for a pickup in Manhattan. Commissioner Carone moved to amend the proposed rule to delete Sections 53-04(c)(2), 63-11(f)(4), and to amend the response time listed in Section 53-08(b) from one minute to two minutes. The motion to amend the proposed rule passed unanimously. A public hearing was held on the rule, as amended, and the following people testified: Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Assemblyman Micah Kellner; Richard Thaler, Omni Media; Jean Ryan, Taxis For All Campaign; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Beresford Simmons, New York Taxi Workers Alliance (“NYTWA”); Mohan Singh, NYTWA; and Llyod Taylor, Livery Base Owner. A motion was made to adopt the rule as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 3-30).

8. Item 6(a), FHV Stretch Modification Rule, was presented for Commission action. A motion was made to table the rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 30)
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:54 a.m. (Tr. p. 30)

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on January 19, 2012



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

1/19/2012
Date