

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

December 18, 2014

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with Commissioners Carone, Jiha, Marino, and Polanco present and reported the following:
 - Condolences on behalf of the entire to Commission to those affected by the attack on a Pakistani school.
 - The Taxi Driver Job Fair was attended by thousands of people who were interested in learning about the industry and how to become a licensee. TLC staff, particularly Brian Switzer and Justine Johnson, did a tremendous job.
 - In a joint enforcement initiative with the Port Authority, the TLC began targeting hustlers inside JFK Airport terminals. Since the effort began two weeks ago, 12 cars were seized, 23 summonses issued, and 11 arrests made.
 - The TLC found that roughly 90% of the FHV bases are not offering service to wheelchair passengers as required by TLC rules. The TLC issued summonses to non-compliant bases and will work with the industry and advocates to long-term solutions.
 - Happy holidays and best wishes for the New Year.
2. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (November 20, 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):

B02793 Hispanos Car Service Inc.
B02803 Outside's Car Service Inc.
B02799 Church Avenue Express Inc.
B02790 South Beach Transportation Inc.

RENEWALS (1):

B00305 Rite Way Pvt Car Svce

CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):

B01527 New Family Rad Disp Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B02249 La Raza Car Service, Inc.

CHANGE OF DBA (2):

B02641 Avenue X Car Service Inc. d/b/a: Prestige Car Service
B01651 U.P.S. Radio Dispatch Corp. d/b/a: Wireless Car Service

BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (2):

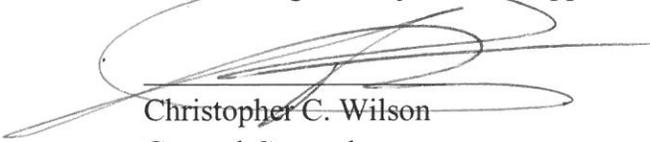
B02766 Showtime Transportation Corp.
B02733 T.J.'S Car Service Inc

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, Driver Education Rules, was presented for a public hearing. Edward Murray, an Assistant General Counsel at the TLC, gave a presentation on the proposed rules, which would require applicants for a new for-hire vehicle (FHV) driver's license to take a comprehensive introductory education course and pass an exam on course contents, applicants for a renewal FHV or taxi driver's license to take a refresher course, FHV drivers to complete wheelchair passenger assistance training; and which would enable the TLC to transition to a single education provider. The following people testified: Victor Calise, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Dana Lerner; Randy Kornfeld, Kornfeld and Associates; Terrence Gelber, Master Cabbie Taxi Academy; Michael O'Laughlin, Cab Riders United; Edith Prentiss; Andrew Volo, Total Compliance Solution; Tweeps Phillips, Committee for Taxi Safety; Jesse Lore, Easter Seals; Osman Chowdhury, United

Taxi Drivers Association; John Kaiteris, HANAC, Inc.; and Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance.

6. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:28 a.m.



Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

1/29/15
Date