

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**July 15, 2010**

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
  - Chairman Yassky reported on group ride stands. The location of the group ride stand operating from York Avenue to the Financial District has proven to be a challenge and the stand has failed to take off. TLC staff are working on ways to reconfigure the stand. The stand located at the Port Authority has taken off and is working as hoped for; however, the stand at LaGuardia Airport is experiencing less demand. (Tr. pp.3-5)
  - The Chair also reported on recent legislation that was passed. The Mayor signed four bills, including bills that add a provision to our Bill of Rights informing passengers that they are entitled to pay tolls by EZ-Pass; enhance our reporting requirements to provide the public with a detailed report of public complaints and enforcement activities; a requirement that T-PEP vendors provide specified fare information to the TLC in a timely manner; and a bill that authorizes the TLC to impose fees up to \$50 for re-inspection of taxicabs that fail their first inspection. In addition, the TLC will undertake enhanced enforcement activity to make sure that drivers are using the EZ-Pass lanes because it saves drivers and customers money. The TLC expects to have a rule implementing the re-inspection fee for consideration in September. In addition to the four laws, the City Council on June 29 passed a home rule message calling on the state Legislature to enact a bill that would expand the Commission's ability to docket unpaid fines as judgments of the Civil Court—enabling us to enhance our collection of unpaid fines. The Bill passed the Senate unanimously and is pending in the Assembly. (Tr. pp. 5-8)
  - Chairman Yassky reported that in September the Commission will consider a proposed rule revising the black car retirement rules. The proposed rule will

revise our existing vehicle retirement schedule, allowing a longer vehicle life for cleaner more fuel efficient vehicles as an incentive similar to the incentive the taxicabs already have under the Administrative Code. (Tr. pp. 8-9)

- The Chair reported on two personnel items. Ira Goldstein was recognized last month by the New York Association of Broadcasters for the use of the T-PEP system to display Amber alerts to taxicab drivers. Conan Freud has joined the TLC as the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration. (Tr. pp.10-11).
- 2. Item 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (June 22, 2010 Commission Meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 11-12)
- 3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor. Base 1616, was changed from a base presented for renewal to a base presented for renewal and relocation. The following bases were presented for consideration:

The following bases are being recommended for approval:

**NEW(4):**

B02391	Third Avenue Express Corp.
B02395	Abatar Inc. D/b/a Abatar Car & Limo Service
B02397	Chico Express Corp. 2
B02312	JLJ Car Service Corp.

**RENEWALS (19):**

B01398	Alex Car & Limousine Inc.
B00802	Bell Car Service Inc.
B00350	Champion Car & Limo. Service Inc.
B01326	Deborah Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B00302	Dominican Car Service Inc.
B00278	Family Car Service
B00256	Fast Operating Corp. D/b/a Carmel Car & Limousine Service
B01406	Gotham Car Service Inc.
B00112	Harbor view Transportation Of Staten Island
B02197	James A. Leasing
B00548	Lindy's Cars Inc.

B00196	New Easy Way Radio Dispatch Inc.
B01288	New Elegante Car Service Inc.
B01568	N.Y. Mexicana Car & Limo. Service Corp. D/b/a N.Y. Mexicana Car Service
B02228	Special Radio Dispatch Corp.
B02182	Spirit Car & Limo. Service
B00056	Transit Private Car Service Inc.
B01685	Tov Too Transportation Inc.
B00850	Uptown Transit Corp.

**RENEWAL & RELOCATION (2):**

B01103	Bliss 48 Inc.
B01616	H&B Car & Limousine, Inc. D/b/a Sunnyside Car Service

**RELOCATION (1):**

B01739	The Central Radio Dispatch Inc.
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**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (3):**

B01653	Art's Place Inc.
B02249	La Raza Car Service Inc.
B01292	Shepreid Car Service & Limousine Corp. D/b/a Delta Car Service

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**

B01380	Malcolm Radio Group, Inc.
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**The following bases are being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:**

B01455	Dominicana Limousine Services, Inc.
B00876	Together Car Service

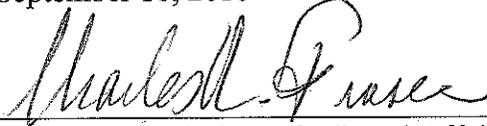
4. Commissioner Gonzales moved to adopt the Staff's recommendations for base approvals, renewals, relocations, ownership changes, and denials. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 12-13)
5. Item 4 (a), Commuter Van Passengers' Bill of Rights Rule, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. No one signed up to

speaking at the public hearing. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 14-15)

6. Item 4 (c), Transfer Fee Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Ethan Gerber spoke at the public hearing. Commissioner Polanco moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 15-19)
7. Item 4 (b), Livery Workers' Comp Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Christopher Wilson, Assistant General Counsel, gave a presentation on the proposed rules. The following people spoke at the public hearing: Avik Kabessa, New York State Independent Livery Driver Benefit Fund; Tarek Mallah, Livery Roundtable; and Richard Thaler, Omni Media Network. The proposed rules were tabled to a future Commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 19-57)
8. Item (5) (a) on the agenda, Phase 2 Rule Revisions, were presented to the Commission. David Klahr, Executive Director of Enforcement, gave a presentation on the rule revision process. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve the 18 rule chapters presented with an effective date of January 1, 2011. Commissioner Yassky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 57-65)
9. Chairman Yassky advised that TLC staff have organized substantive rules changes highlighted by the Rules Revision Project into three categories: Category 1 – changes that are substantive and uncontroversial, Category 2 – changes that are substantive and may be controversial, but are important enough that they should be addressed quickly, and Category 3 – changes that are substantial, but not as urgent as the other changes. Chairman Yassky expects to handle Category 1 and 2 in September, and Category 3 in October through November. (Tr. pp. 65-71)
10. Item 6 was presented to the Commission. The rules passed at today's meeting as amendments to the existing rules need to be re-passed as amendments to the rules that will become effective on January 1, 2011 (the rules passed as Item 5 (a)). This is a proposal to delegate the public hearings on the rules passed today to the staff. Ethan Gerber commented on the proposal. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the proposal. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 71-77)
11. Item 7, Group Ride Vehicle Pilot Program, was presented for Commission action. Emily Gallo, Director of Policy, gave a presentation outlining the proposed pilot for a new class of service that would allow point-to-point shared ride service among specified pickup and drop-off locations. Commissioner Weinshall moved to approve the proposal and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 77-90)
12. The meeting was adjourned. (Tr. p. 91)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:52 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
September 16, 2010

  
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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

  
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