

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**September 16, 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 the group ride vehicle pilot program. Service began in one area this week, with three more areas to follow next week, and the fifth will start the week thereafter. Early reports are of low usage, but it will take time for passengers to learn of the service and choose to use it. The Chairman thanked TLC staff for getting this pilot running so quickly and commended the Law Department for their work defending the program from a legal challenge filed on behalf of the Transit Workers Union. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
  - The Chair reported on the livery stand pilot program. This program provided on-demand livery service in areas where there appeared to be a high demand for walk-in service with a dispatcher. The first site, at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, opened last week and has had 2,000 customers so far. The other location is the Jamaica Terminal in Queens and this stand will be operating by Thanksgiving. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
  - Chairman Yassky reported on the Rosco pilot program which authorized the use of video recorders and data recorders in taxicabs. The idea was to see if these devices could improve safety by giving more information after an accident. Ultimately, only one vendor, Rosco, participated in the program, by installing the device in one taxicab. TLC staff evaluated the results of the project and concluded that this program did not achieve any tangible benefits to drivers, owners or the public. The Chairman recommended no further action on the pilot, which will expire on October 14. (Tr. pp. 6-7)

- The Chair reported on the Taxi Driver Protection Act. This bill, increasing penalties for violent crimes committed against drivers in the course of for-hire vehicle operation, passed the state legislature. The Chair reminded everyone of the danger of this profession and that driver safety is of paramount concern to the Commission. The bill is pending before the Governor and Chairman Yassky hopes the Governor will sign it. (Tr. pp. 7-8)
  - Chairman Yassky reported on the closure of the Brooklyn Bridge to Manhattan bound traffic overnight. This has led to a slight uptick in passenger refusals. The TLC has no tolerance for passenger refusals. The Commission will continue to focus on how to make it easier for passengers to complain and to improve our processing of those complaints. Anyone who has been refused service can call 311. The TLC will issue a summons and make sure that the driver is fined and understands that refusals will not be tolerated. (Tr. pp. 9-11)
  - The Chair reported on E-Z Pass enforcement. Because of the high number of drivers using cash lanes, instead of the E-Z Pass lanes as required by our rules, TLC has issued summonses to hundreds of drivers. The purpose of this was not to bring in revenue, but to ensure that drivers follow TLC rules. (Tr. pp. 11-12)
  - Chairman Yassky reported on updates to the website. A list of current licensees is posted on the website every day to ensure that only licensed drivers are taking cars out on shifts from owners, brokers and lessors. In the past, there has been a day lag on this list. However, starting last week, this information is updated the same day at 3pm. The Chair thanked Licensing and MIS, led by Deputy Commissioner Gary Weiss and Chief Information Officer Jeff Grunfeld for their work on this innovation. (Tr. pp.12-13)
  - The Chair reported on two personnel items. Georgia Steele-Radway has been promoted to Assistant Commissioner for Licensing. The Chair also thanked Lou Tazzi, former Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance for his service. (Tr. pp. 13-15, 17-19).
  - Chairman Yassky also reported on upcoming rules proposals. These include rules requiring camera systems in vehicles to be functioning properly, requiring drivers to give insurance information to other motorists and passengers in case of accidents, changing the critical driver rules to streamline the process, and changing adjournment rules. (Tr. pp. 15-17)
2. Item 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (July 15, 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. 19-20)
  3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele-Radway, Assistant Commissioner for Licensing.

Base 2344 was removed from consideration. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW(2):**

B02402 Taveras Family Corp. D/b/a Kings  
of Queens Car & Limo.  
B02404 Woodside Car & Limousine Inc.

**RENEWALS (36):**

B01704 Ameriworld 1 Inc.  
B00318 Apple Radio Cars Inc.  
B00874 A.T.B. Car & Limousine Service Inc.  
B01594 Athenian Limo. Inc.  
B01714 Bed Star Drivers Association Inc.  
B02030 Blue Car & Limo. Inc.  
B01312 Brooklyn Radio Dispatch Inc.  
B00692 Cheers Dispatch, Inc. D/b/a  
Seventh Avenue Car Service  
B02265 County Car Service Inc.  
B01455 Dominicana Limousine Services  
Inc.  
B01066 Dominicana Radio Dispatch Inc.  
B01274 Emes of Boropark Car Service Inc.  
B00278 Family Car Service  
B01706 Fiat Express Corp.  
B01536 First Class Car & Limo. Service  
Corp.  
B00728 Gunhill Car Service  
B00334 High Bridge Car Service D/b/a Do Max  
Corp.  
B01700 Linden Car Service Inc.  
B01730 Lucky Express Corporation D/b/a Good  
Luck Car Service  
B01048 Hillside 24 Hours Radio Dispatch Inc.  
B00346 Merrick Car Service Inc.  
B01416 My Car Service Inc.  
B01282 New Lots Car Service Inc.  
B01674 New Puebla Car & Limousine Service  
Inc.  
B01470 New York Velotax Car Service Inc.  
B01694 Ocean Car Service Inc. D/b/a Beach Car  
Service  
B02245 Oceana Car & Limo. Service  
B01614 R Transport Inc.  
B01444 Rego Park Express Inc.  
B00222 Reyno Car Service Inc.  
B00570 Round Town Private Car Service Inc.

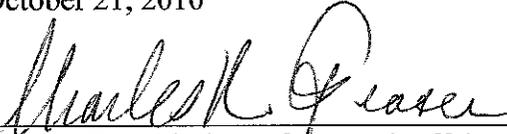
B00860 Seaman Radio Dispatchers Inc.  
 B01270 Skyline Car & Limousine Service Inc.  
 B01056 Unity Car Service Inc.  
 B01250 Vin Jac Corp. D/b/a Glen Belle Car Service  
 B01721 W.K. Car & Limo. Service Inc.  
**RENEWAL & NAME CHANGE (5):**  
 B01247 All American Car Service Inc.  
 B01234 Bailey Radio Dispatch Inc.  
 B01392 New American Class Car Service Corp.  
 B01264 New Ecuatorian Car & Limousine Service Inc.  
 B00248 Yes Express Inc. D/b/a Yes Car Service  
**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):**  
 B00170 Emunah Car Service Inc.  
 B01726 Super Class Radio Disp. Inc.  
 B01432 Tovar Transportation Inc.  
 B00310 Watson Car Service Inc.  
**RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1):**  
 B02188 Narrows Limousine & Car Inc.  
**RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE(2):**  
 B02021 Easyride Car Service Inc.  
 B01699 New Montague Car & Limo. Inc.  
**RELOCATION (3):**  
 B01497 Flushing Express Corp. D/b/a Flushing Express Car Service  
 B00021 Mexicana High Class Inc. D/b/a Capitol Car Service  
 B02080 #1 Mexicaly Car Services Corp.  
**RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**  
 B01313 Brook Car & Limo. Service Inc.  
**The following bases are being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:**  
 B01437 Merengue Limo. & Car Service Inc.  
 B02396 Ola Car Service, Inc.

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 20-24)
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to deny all of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 24)
6. Item 4 (a), Black Car Retirement Rules, were presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. No one signed up to speak at the public hearing. Commissioner Weinshall moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 24-27)

7. Item 4 (b), Taxicab Re-inspection Fees, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. Richard Thaler, Omni Media, spoke at the public hearing. Commissioner Weinshall moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 27-33)
8. Item 5, Livery Workers' Compensation Rules, was presented for Commission action. A motion was made to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 33-42)
9. The meeting was adjourned. (Tr. p. 42)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
October 21, 2010

  
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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

  
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