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18	DAVID DO
19	COMMISSIONER AND CHAIR
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      COMMISSIONER SARAH KAUFMAN
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      COMMISSIONER KENNETH Y.K. CHAN
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      COMMISSIONER ANDREA BIERSTEIN
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1	CHAIR DO: Good morning. I'm calling this
2	meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. I am David Do,
3	Commissioner and Chair of the Taxi and Limousine
4	Commission.
5	I am joined today by our Board of
6	Commissioners, Commissioner Kaufman, Commissioner
7	Sorrentino, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner
8	Velazquez, Commissioner Bader, Commissioner Chan,
9	and our newest commissioner, Commissioner Andrea
10	Bierstein.
11	Would you like to say a few words before we
12	get started?
13	MS. BIERSTEIN: I am very happy to be
14	how's that? Is that better?
15	I just want to say that I am honored to
16	have been appointed to join this body, and I look
17	forward to working with everybody, and to learning
18	about this industry, and just very happy to be
19	here. Thank you.
20	CHAIR DO: Okay, just a couple of
21	announcements, ahead of today's vote. On June 4th
22	we held our 10th anniversary Vision Zero Safety
23	Honor Roll ceremony, which many of you attended on
24	the day.
25	And then, of course, many of our drivers

1	have also attended, and we were so prideful and
2	honored to honor them at the People's House,
3	Gracie Mansion. This was a wonderful event and I
4	want to, again, thank all of our drivers for their
5	unwavering commitment to public safety and safety
б	of our roadways. It was truly inspiring and it
7	fills me with pride to see so many TLC drivers
8	make the honor roll and pass the Vision Zero
9	torch.
10	As Deputy Mayor of Operations noted, Meera
11	Joshi, that per vehicle, TLC drivers are the
12	safest in our country. This is an extraordinary
13	accomplishment. She also noted that TLC drivers
14	who drive the speed limit also encourage other
15	drivers to slow down. We can we can never
16	thank our drivers enough.
17	Photos of this event is on our Flicker
18	website, which is available online and the full
19	honor roll list is available on our website as
20	well.
21	Now, for today's business. Today we are
22	voting on a rule package that is intended to
23	increase the number of wheelchair-accessible taxis
24	and provide better service to people who use
25	wheelchairs. At a hearing held on May 8th, on a

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larger rule package that includes an increased grant money to help owners pay for the wheelchair conversion and maintenance of payments extending to seven years, unfortunately, that part of the rule package is postponed until we have a resolution on our ongoing taxis-for-all litigation and we can determine the best financial and fiscal path forward. Today's proposal will specifically include

eliminating the scheduled vehicle retirement dates 10 for new and used wheelchair-accessible vehicles 11 12 placed into service; permit the conversion of used 13 vehicles to wheelchair-accessible vehicles in 14 accordance with the TLC's existing accessible 15 vehicle specifications; clarify TLC's re-hacking 16 rules to ensure medallions eligible for re-17 hacking new vehicles adhere to TLC's existing 18 accessibility requirements; require technology 19 system providers to streamline the process of 20 returning TIF driver incentive payments per fare, directly to drivers; create consistency among the 21 2.2 industry sectors by requiring accessible for-hire 23 vehicles to meet the same ADA specifications that 24 are required of taxicabs; require TLC drivers to 25 retake the passenger-assistance and

1	wheelchair-accessible training at a TLC-approved
2	education provider, upon investigated and founded
3	complaints of drivers violating their duties to
4	passengers who use wheelchair-accessible vehicles;
5	require applicants for a TLC driver's license to
6	take the passengers-assistance,
7	wheelchair-accessible vehicle training again, as a
8	condition for renewal.
9	In response to staff comments, several
10	clarifications, changes were made to the education
11	penalty portion of the FHV vehicle standards. And
12	excuse me, and the FHV vehicle standards.
13	I will now go to Commissioner Bater to make
14	a few comments today. Mr. Bader.
15	MR. BADER: It has Hello. There we go.
16	Thank you. I'm sorry.
17	It has recently come to our attention that
18	Uber, which is the largest for-hire vehicle in the
19	City of New York, has unilaterally decided that
20	they will block drivers from access to their app,
21	which means that all of these drivers will not be
22	able to pick up or have access to any individuals
23	who want a ride. They will be locked out from
24	having that opportunity. Additionally, there is
25	no notice given to these drivers as to when they

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1	will be unlocked and able to work again.			
2	What we are talking about here is removing			
3	an individual's opportunity to earn a living for			
4	themselves, for their family, and they have no			
5	idea of when this lockout will be removed from			
6	them. Needless to say, if you are driving for			
7	Uber and all of a sudden you are driving around			
8	and you pick up a fare and all of a sudden then			
9	you try to go back to see where the next fare is			
10	and you get nothing, it's a little disconcerting			
11	and creates, of course, a lot of anxiety, because			
12	they don't know now when they are going to be able			
13	to make any more money.			
14	So we are going to look into any way we can			
15	so we can alleviate this problem, so that the			
16	drivers have some kind of notice and protection,			
17	but especially notice, relative to how long they			
18	will be locked out from the Uber app and not able			
19	to earn a living. Thank you.			
20	CHAIR DO: Thank you, Commissioner, for			
21	sharing the thoughts with the Commission. I			
22	appreciate it.			
23	Okay, now onto our general counsel, Sherryl			
24	Eluto, to go through the agenda for today.			
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1	MS. ELUTO: Good morning.
2	Commissioners, the first item before you
3	are the minutes for the March 6, 2024 Commission
4	meeting. I will call votes to adopt the minutes.
5	All in favor of adopting the minutes from
б	March 6th, please raise your hands.
7	And the vote passes unanimously. Thank
8	you.
9	I will now call on Director of
10	Base/Business Services, Fabian Cancel, to present
11	the base license applications.
12	MR. CANCEL: Good morning, commissioners
13	and attendees. My name is Fabian Cancel. I'm the
14	Director of the TLC Base and Business Licensing
15	Unit. Today we have six bases that have been
16	submitted for review and they are awaiting your
17	approval. We have four renewals and two very
18	excitingly new bases.
19	MS. ELUTO: Oh, okay. Commissioners, can we
20	have a vote on adopting the base license
21	recommendations? All in favor of adopting, please
22	raise your hand.
23	And the vote passes unanimously. Thank
24	you.
25	MR. CANCEL: Thank you.

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1	MS. ELUTO: Commissioners, we will now turn					
2	to item five on the agenda, the wheelchair					
3	accessible vehicle proposal package. The proposed					
4	rules are published in the City Record on April					
5	8th, 2024, for public comment.					
6	A public hearing was held by the TLC on May					
7	8th. On June 7th, the final version of the					
8	proposed rule was posted on our website, and					
9	previously circulated to the commissioners, along					
10	with the hearing transcript and all written					
11	comments that were received.					
12	Commissioners, may we move for a vote.					
13	Please raise your hand, I'm sorry.					
14	All right, the vote passes unanimously.					
15	That's great.					
16	Commissioner Do, any additional business?					
17	CHAIR DO: None for this morning. I want					
18	to first thank all of our commissioners for					
19	attending today, for expressing, you know, our					
20	position on supply controls and ensuring that					
21	drivers have a best pathway forward to ensure a					
22	pathway to the middle class. I also want to thank					
23	all of our drivers and those in attendance today.					
24	And now, at 10:11, I will adjourn this					
25	meeting. Thank you so much.					

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1 2 CERTIFICATE 3 4 5 STATE OF NEW YORK) ss: 6 COUNTY OF NASSAU) 7 8 I, Michele Simone, a shorthand reporter within and for the State of New York, do hereby certify 9 that the within is a true and accurate transcript of the 10 11 statement taken on 06/12/2024. 12 I further certify that I am not related 13 to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the 14 15 outcome of this matter. 16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set 17 my hand this 20th day of June 2024. 18 19 20 Wychele Simone 21 22 23 24 25

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