

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting
January 12, 2006

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Noach Dear, *Commissioner*

Elliot Sander, *Commissioner*

Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*

Howard R. Vargas, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and began with a moment of silence in memory of Gurbaj Singh, a taxicab driver who was tragically killed in a vehicle accident. (Tr. p.3)
2. The Chair reported on the recent transit strike, noting that the TLC would be working to develop a final contingency plan that could be used for strikes and other situations. (Tr. pp.3-5)
3. The Chair stated that there was a public hearing held by the Mayor's Office of Contract Services on December 27, 2005 regarding the technology customer service contracts. Next steps include the contracts being sent to the Comptroller for registration, and briefing the Commissioners. (Tr. p.6)
4. The Chair reported that the Commission received a rulemaking petition from the Black Car Assistance Corporation concerning the Black Car Injury Operators Compensation Fund. The petition asked that TLC's rules repeat certain provisions of state law, but it was denied because state law preempts the rules and applies to TLC directly. The Chair noted that the petition was presented to the Board for review today and there were no questions from the Commissioners. (Tr. pp.6-7)
5. The Chair updated the Commission on the Nassau County situation, noting that a meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2006 with the Nassau County Commissioner. (Tr.p.7)
6. The Chair stated the need to improve TLC's rules by updating, streamlining, and reorganizing the rules. (Tr. pp.7-11)

7. The Chair stated that the Commission intends to start holding Commission meetings on set dates; the date settled upon so far is the second Thursday of every month for the next two months. (Tr. p.11)
8. The Chair announced that the TLC issued its required annual report to the City Council and will be available to the public on its website. (Tr. p.12)
9. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2005 Commission meeting. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p.12)
10. The Chair stated that the TLC met with the NYC Commissioner of Women's Issues, then introduced the Executive Director, Elizabeth LoNigro. She proposed a voluntary sticker for placement on taxicabs with symbols stating "NY Loves Women;" the final sticker for distribution may also include a safety or informational message. She presented three possible drafts of the sticker, and the Chair made a motion to allow taxicab owners to voluntarily put the sticker on their side windows in the same spot that was approved previously by the TLC for the 2012 stickers. Commissioner Arout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.12-15)
11. The Chair introduced the Executive Director of the Design Trust for Public Space, Deborah Martin. She delivered a presentation that was based on their recently released book "Designer Taxi." (Tr. pp.15-26)
12. The Chair explained that there were problems and issues with LA license plates, and introduced Eric Kim who delivered a presentation about New York State livery plates and research conducted by the TLC. (Tr. pp.26-40)
13. The Chair introduced First Deputy Commissioner Andrew Salkin, who delivered a presentation on the Port Authority's requests for proposals (RFPs) involving airport services. (Tr. pp.40-54)
14. The Chair announced that the TLC has a transit strike survey on the website to obtain public input about the strike plan. Commissioner Weinshall added that the Department of Transportation was putting together an analysis of the entire strike which would include a TLC section. (Tr. pp.54-55)
15. William Carter, *Executive Director for Licensing*, presented the following base license applications:

Renewal applications for bases that were conditionally denied at November 2005 Commission Meeting that have since been completed:

**3210 Webster Avenue Prestige Car Service
GDR Car & Limo doing business as Seaside Car
Service
New Special, Inc**

New applications:

Cherry Car & Limo Service

Renewals:

**810 Car Service Corporation
All American Car Service
Ascona Car Service Inc. doing business as
Safeway Car Service
Aventine Auto Rental
Community Car Service Corp.
Crestwood Car & Limo Service
Discount Car Service
Early Bird Car Service Inc.
GAL Limo Services Inc. doing business as
Hana Car Service & Limo
G Way Transport Inc.
Hoyt Limo & Service Corp.
Jahangir Ali Inc. doing business as U-
Need Car Service
Jameel Ali Inc. doing business as
Rockaway Car Service of Queens
Janjua Khurshid, doing business as
Dreamland Car & Limo Service
J.J.S. Transportation Company Inc. doing
business as Grant City Car Service
Lake One Inc.
Lateef Liadi, doing business as MOF
Transportation
Lefferts Car & Limo Service
Let It Ride Inc. doing business as My
Way
Metroline Car Service
Mirage Limousine Service Inc. doing
business as UFO Private Car & Limo
Service
Rachel's Car Service, Inc.
Rosedale Base Car Service doing business
as Danny's Car Service
RPO Car & Limousine Car Service Inc.
Speed Inc.
Transportation Unlimited Car Service,
Inc.
Two Way Black Cars and Radio Group**

**Transportation Inc.
USA Car Service Inc.
Vee Cee Limousine Service
Incorporated doing business as Nostrand
Car Service
Vic and Bay Car Service Inc.
Windsor Ambulette Corp.
Y Boateng doing business as UNC Car &
Limo
N. Duah doing business as New Daynight
Car Service**

Ownership Changes:

**18th Avenue Too, Inc.
A New Day Radio Dispatch, Inc.
Early Bird Car Service, Inc.
Hunts Point Car Service Corp.
Mexicanos DF Car Services, Inc.
New Elegante Car Service Inc.
Promenade Car Lease Inc.**

Relocations:

**Big King Car & Limo Inc.
Bushwick Car Service Inc.
Panthers Transportation Group Inc.
Plaza Executive Inc. doing business as
Song Car & Limo**

Combinations:

**New York Kings Transportation doing
business as Kings Car Service
New York Limo & Car Service
Raja Car and Limousine Services Inc.
(relocation request stricken; ownership
change only)
Surf Car Systems Inc.**

(Tr. pp.55-59)

16. Commissioner Vargas noted that in reference to Hunts Point Car Service Corp., the outline prepared for the Commissioners referred to a memo that was not available at the Commission meeting. Mr. Carter agreed to report back to the Commissioners about this. Commissioner Arout made a motion to table Hunts Point Car Service Corp. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p.64)
17. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the following bases with the caveat that they must provide the business plan within 60 days if not already provided: 810 Car Service, G Way Transport Inc., Janjua Khurshid, doing business as Dreamland Car & Limo Service, Let It Ride Inc. doing business as My Way, Vic and Bay Car Service Inc., Y Boateng doing business as UNC Car &

- Limo, N. Duah doing business as New Daynight Car Service, Speed, Inc. and New Kings Transportation doing business as Kings Car Service. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 60-61, 65-66)
18. Chairman Daus made a motion to approve Windsor Ambulette Corp. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. P.64)
 19. The Chair made a motion to approve New Special Inc. and 3210 Webster Avenue Prestige Car Service. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.66-67)
 20. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the other applications on the list. The motion was seconded by Chairman Daus and passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.59-60)
 21. The Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.66-67)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on February 9, 2005.