

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

March 19, 2015

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*

Frank Carone, *Commissioner*

LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. with Commissioners Carone, DeArcy, Gonzales, Jiha, Marino and Polanco present and reported the following:
 - TLC and the Port Authority have been working to implement an RFID system to make more efficient taxi dispatch at LaGuardia and JFK Airports. RFID tags track taxis and inform drivers which terminals needs cars. The system has been in operation at JFK Airport for about a week and will soon be launched at LaGuardia Airport.
 - TLC is also working with the Port Authority to identify safer alternatives to FHV's waiting on the road shoulders near terminals to make pick-ups.
 - TLC's Lease Cap Enforcement Unit, which has focused on protecting taxi drivers who were being overcharged on their taxi leases, is expanding into a new Driver Protection Unit, which will work with all TLC-licensed drivers to address compensation issues. TLC Attorney David Ross will lead the new unit, as he did with the old unit.
 - TLC recently started an in-street vehicle inspection initiative that has staff from the Safety and Emissions Division working with enforcement squads to conduct inspections when a TLC-licensed vehicle is stopped. To date, there have been inspections during 114 car stops, generating about 120 summonses.
2. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (January 29, 2015, 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:

RENEWALS (3):

B02491 Call Threes LLC.
B02450 Jupiter Car Service Corp.
B02315 La Morenita Car Limo Service Inc

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B02481 Ten I Con Corp.

RENEWAL/ CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP& BASE NAME (1):

B02316 AJ Car And Limo Service Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):

B01088 Paisa 2 Car AND Limousine Service Inc.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND LOCATION (1):

B01675 Towncar Transportation, Inc/ d.b.a. New Topacio Car Service

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/BASE NAME & LOCATION (1):

B01328 Commack Inc./ d.b.a. Barona's Car Svce

CHANGE OF LOCATION & ADDING OFFICER(1):

B01288 New Elegante Car Svc Inc. /d.b.a. Elegante

BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (2):

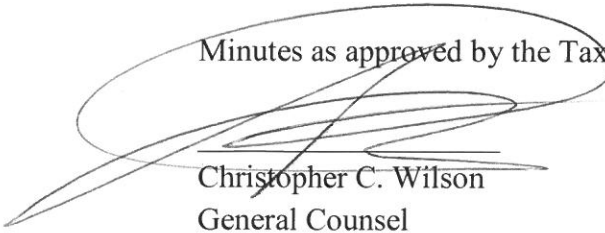
B02801 EZCAR, LLC
B02477 Mathes Service, Inc. d/b/a Nunu Rochdale Car Service

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, except that Commissioner Marino was not present for the vote.
5. Item 5, Driver Protection and Hearing Loop Sticker Rules, was presented for commission action. The rules require that all TLC vehicles display a sticker stating the penalties for assaulting a driver, as well as require that FHV's with hearing induction loop capabilities and Official Taxi Vehicles display a hearing loop decal. The rules received a public

hearing on February 26, 2015, at which the following people testified: Janice Schacter Lintz, Hearing Access and Innovations; Jerry Bergman; Erhan Tuncel, LOMTO; and Bill Lindauer, NYTWA. No changes were made to the rules following the hearing. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously, except that Commissioner Marino was not present for the vote.

6. Item 6, FHV Dispatch Rules, was presented for commission action. The rules permit cross-class dispatching between the black car and luxury limousine sectors; require livery bases to ask prospective passengers to specify a destination and provide a binding fare quote when specified, or if not specified, provide a binding statement on how the fare is to be calculated; and require livery bases to disclose to passengers requesting transportation by means other than a phone call that passengers will receive a binding fare quote upon providing a destination. The rules received a public hearing on February 26, 2015, at which the following people testified: Richard Thaler; Ed Cleary, Livery Roundtable; Christy Galvani, Committee for Taxi Safety; and Michael Arvanites, Black Car Assistance Corporation. Following the hearing, and based on comments from TLC staff and the public, language regarding the binding fare quote was modified to make more clear the obligation of livery bases to provide fare quotes. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
7. Item 7, SHL Roof Light Rules, was presented for commission action. The rules require that Street Hail Livery roof lights be unlit when the taximeter is detached from the vehicle. The rules received a public hearing on February 26, 2015, at which the following people testified: Erhan Tuncel, LOMTO. No changes were made to the rules following the hearing. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
8. Item 8, Rules Regarding Accessible Vehicle Exceptions, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. The rules set out the parameters for the 496 exemptions from the Accessible Official Taxicab Vehicle requirement for unrestricted medallions. Howard Glaser, AM General/Mobility Ventures, and Tweeps Phillips, Committee for Taxi Safety, testified on the rules. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on April 23, 2015.


Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

4/23/15
Date