

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

June 12, 2008

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jeffrey Kay, *Commissioner*

Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*

Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
 - The Chair reported on the recent medallion sale. Closings on 24 of the 65 medallion lots have already taken place. (Tr. p. 3)
 - The Chair reported on the Taxi Technology Customer Service Enhancements. 11,391 taxis, approximately 86% of the fleet, have installed the credit card and taxi technology equipment. Tips continue to average 19.8-20%. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
 - The Chair reported on recent efforts to stop unlicensed and illegal liveries operating in the central business district. This zero tolerance operation has resulted in over 1,000 summonses being issued by the TLC and NYPD for a variety of infractions. This operation will continue and additional resources will be dedicated to the effort. (Tr. pp. 4-5)
 - The Chair reported on the Accessible Dispatch Program. One accessible dispatch trainer has already been certified and another will be certified soon. Training and testing will begin in July and a soft rollout will begin in August. Additional information is available on the website. At an upcoming Commission meeting, a staff presentation will be given addressing the presence of meters in liveries. (Tr. pp. 5-7)
 - The Chair reported on the Hearing Loop Pilot Project. This project uses technology that transmits sounds directly to hearing aids, improving service for people who are hard of hearing. The project is underway, with six

installations already, and several more to follow. The pilot will continue for one year. (Tr. pp. 7-9)

- The Chair reported on a meeting with the N.Y.S. Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner David Swarts. The TLC is exploring the possibility of opening a satellite DMV office at Woodside or another TLC facility. The TLC is also working with the DMV to stop illegal stretch limousines. (Tr. pp. 9-11)
 - The Chair reported on Assembly Bill Number A-8868, an anti-hustling bill that would raise the penalties for illegal solicitation at airports. The TLC has partnered with the Port Authority and Queens District Attorney Richard Brown to help pass this legislation. The Bill has passed the State Senate, the Assembly Transportation Committee, and is now before the Assembly Codes Committee. (Tr. pp. 11-13)
 - The Chair reported on the availability of vehicles complying with the minimum miles per gallon for taxicab rules. Active discussions with automobile dealers and manufacturers continue and the Commissioners will be briefed when more information is available. (Tr. pp. 14)
 - The Chair reported that the Commission may take a break from the monthly meeting schedule this summer. Details will be posted to the website and list-serve. (Tr. p. 15).
 - The Chair reported that Samara Epstein has been promoted to the position of Assistant Commissioner for Constituent Affairs. She will oversee the Call Center and Correspondence Unit, as well as the Office of Constituent Affairs. Dawn Sherman has been promoted to Executive Director of Constituent Affairs, and will continue to supervise the Call Center and Correspondence Unit. (Tr. pp. 15-19)
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to adopt the minutes of the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kay, and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Vargas, and Weinshall). (Tr. pp. 19)
3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

Please note that for the June 12, 2008 Commission meeting, the TLC Licensing and Standards Division is presenting 24 livery base applications for your determination.

NEW (3):

County Car Service Inc.

DDA Luxury Limousine & Car Service Corp

B02265

B02269

Yadah Transportation Inc.	B02266
<u>RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (12):</u>	
60 th Street D/b/a Jay's Car Service	B00314
Americana Transportation LLC	B01013
B Q N Car Service Corp	B01051
Big D Royal Car Service	B00136
Blue Diamond Car Service, Inc.	B02020
Dominicana Limo Services Inc.	B01455
Ecua Line Corp. D/b/a New Eastern Car & Limousine Service	B01529
Lincoln Limo. Brok'age Inc	B01489
Mexicana High Class Inc. D/b/a Capitol Car Service	B00021
Myrtle Avenue Car & Limousine Service Corp.	B01363
New Mexicana Car Service Inc.	B01697
Winthrop Holding of New York Inc.	B00536
<u>RENEWAL, RELOCATION, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1):</u>	
Dyker Car Service, LLC D/b/a Dyker Car Service (To be changed to Dyker Express, Inc)	B01353
<u>RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4):</u>	
Allied Central Car Service Inc. D/b/a Black Pearl Car Service	B00420
Dyre Avenue Car Services, Inc	B01793
Mexicanos DF Car Services, Inc.	B00909
New College Car Service, Inc	B00058
<u>RELOCATION (1):</u>	
Brooklyn Radio Dispatch Inc	B01312
<u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):</u>	
Rainbow Radio Dispatch Inc.	B00149
<u>DENIALS (2):</u>	
East River Car & Limousine Service, Inc. D/b/a East River Car Service	B01997
Pamelene Transportation Corp. D/b/a Sea Breeze Car Service	B01021

(Tr. pp. 19-20)

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Vargas, and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 19-20)
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to deny the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kay and it passed 6-0 (Commissioners Daus, Arout, Gonzales, Kay, Vargas, and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 20)
6. A public hearing was held on rear entry taxicab vehicle specification rules. The following people testified at the hearing: Dan O'Brien; Beresford Simmons;

Osman Cowdry; Bill Lindauer; Bhairani Desai; and Steve Seltzer. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aroust and it passed unanimously (Commissioners Daus, Aroust, Gonzales, Kay, Vargas and Weinshall). (Tr. p. 20-41).

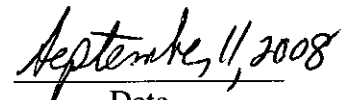
7. Item 5 on the agenda, the Commission Appeals of TLC v. Harold Jean-Baptiste/ Hack License No. 435679, and TLC v. Katomah Dolley/ Hack License No. 5202175 were adjourned by request of the respondents. (Tr. p. 41)
8. Commissioner Aroust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Weinshall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 42)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on September 10, 2008.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date