

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

September 17, 2015

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*
William Aguado, *Commissioner*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. At around 10:00 a.m., after unanimous vote of a motion by General Counsel Wilson, the Commission entered into executive session to address an appeal of a license revocation.
2. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. with Commissioners Aguado, Arout, Carone, Gonzales, Jiha, Marino, and Polanco present.
3. General Counsel Wilson reported on the action taken at executive session. The Commission considered the appeal by Lionel Pierre of a discretionary revocation and imposed a penalty of suspension pending fitness review and a \$750 fine.
4. Item 3 on the Agenda, Chairperson's Report. Chair Joshi reported on the following:
 - Bill Heinzen joined the TLC as Special Advisor to the Commissioner and longtime staff members have taken on new positions: Kala Wright, Director of External Affairs; Stacy Lorenzo, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Commissioner for Licensing; and Cindi Davidson, Executive Director of Policy Initiatives.
 - On September 10, TLC recognized the safety and accessibility records of almost 300 drivers at its Driver Safety Awards.
 - TLC joined the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx and the city Department of Transportation to announce a \$20 million federal grant for a vehicle technology pilot project. As part of the project, TLC drivers will provide input in developing vehicle equipment and such equipment will be placed in TLC vehicles.

- In order to cut down on processing time, driver applicants can now apply online and then complete education and testing requirements before their first appointment at Licensing.
 - In November, TLC Licensing Division will move into new offices at the Falchi Building in Long Island City
 - TLC selected by lottery 50% of the independent medallion owners for accessible conversion. Corporate medallions are not subject to the lottery as the rules already require that 50% of a corporate fleet be accessible.
5. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (July 16, 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.
6. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Angelique Meola, Supervisor of Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

RENEWAL (7):

B02103	A & S Limousine Service Corp
B02585	Brooklyn Coach Inc./dba: Nuride
B01311	Discount Car Svce
B02509	NY Minute Car Service Inc.
B01764	Quick Ride Corp.
B02335	Rochdale Car Service Inc.
	The Metro Marine Car Service Inc./ dba: Marine Limo & Car
B01079	Service

RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OFFICER (1):

B01751	Concorde Exp. of N.Y. inc
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RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP(1):

B02338	Destiny Car & Limo Service Inc.
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RENEWAL & CHANGE OF LOCATION (1):

B00149	Rainbow Rad Disp Inc
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CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (4):

B00900	Big Q Car Svc. Inc.
B01389	Metro Luxury Inc.
B01996	Puebla Exp. Corp.
B00501	Target Transportation Corp.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & BASE NAME (1):

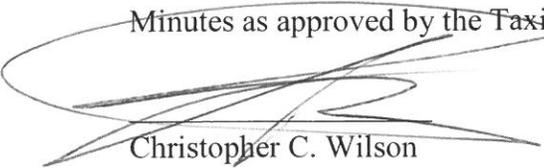
B00593 Ryder Management Inc./ dba: City & Ride Car Service

CHANGE OF LOCATION (3)

B01777 Premium Radio Disp & Multi Svc
B00756 T & S Hillside Inc. / dba: Red Cap Car Service
B02420 V S Express Limousine And Car Service Inc.

7. 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.
8. Item 6, Fare and Leasecap Rules, was presented for commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which, among other things, permits the terms of an “all-in” lease (i.e., lease of medallion and conditional purchase of vehicle) to extend beyond 156 weeks, allows taxi lessors to make both cash and non-cash payments to drivers at no additional cost to the driver, and provides an evening rush hour surcharge for flat rate trips between Manhattan and JFK. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
9. Item 7, Driver Retaliation Rules, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the rules, which expand the rules to protect all licensed drivers from retaliatory actions by bases and vehicle owners. Bill Lindauer of NYTWA testified on the rules. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
10. Item 8, Taxi Improvement Fund Rules, was presented for a public hearing. Keith Walsh, Assistant General Counsel at TLC, and Nicole Payne, TLC Accounting and Special Projects, gave a presentation on the rules, which would establish fund payments to medallion owners and drivers and a lease credit to drivers of non-restricted wheelchair accessible taxis. The following people testified on the rules: Inat German, Mayor’s Office of People with Disabilities; Janice Lintz, Hearing Access Innovations; Hassan Elkarch; Michael O’Laughlin, Cab Riders United; Jagjit Singh; Bill Lindauer, NYTWA; Osman Chowdhury, United Taxi Drivers Association; Daniel Ackman; Davinder Singh; Lester Marks, Lighthouse Guild.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:09 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on October 15, 2015.



Christopher C. Wilson
General Counsel

10/15/15
Date