

**NEW YORK CITY**  
**TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**November 17, 2011**

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*  
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*  
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. and moved to enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session. (Tr. p. 3)
2. The Commission reconvened at 10:00 a.m. and Chairman Yassky reported on the following:
  - Chairman Yassky thanked TPEP providers for their assistance in launching a passenger survey. The passenger survey has provided about 900 responses per day about the population and riding habits of taxicab passengers. (Tr. p. 4)
  - Chairman Yassky reported that the TLC received a petition from the Astra Media Group requesting approval of four-sided, rooftop advertising displays. The TLC denied the petition. (Tr. pp. 4-5)
  - Chairman Yassky reported that there has been tremendous interest from licensees in the Electric Vehicle Pilot Program. Information sessions concerning the pilot program have been well attended. (Tr. p. 5)
3. Item 4 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (October 20, 2011, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. Chairman Yassky moved to amend the minutes to reflect Commissioner Weinshall's presence at the meeting and Commissioner Marino's absence from the meeting and to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 5-6)

4. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Christopher Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW (5):**

B02476 Anytime Forsyth Transport Corp.  
B02504 CPR Transportation Service Inc. D/b/a 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Street Car Service  
B02508 Dispatch Central  
B02505 Trelawny Car Service Inc.  
B02500 Winners Car Service Inc.

**RENEWALS (5):**

B01091 A & R Golden Express Inc.  
B02168 Easy Limo Leasing Inc.  
B02311 Fast City Car & Limo. Service Inc.  
B02282 McGuiness Car Service Inc.  
B01739 The Central Radio Dispatch Inc.

**RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**

B01186 SIWR, Inc. D/b/a Wadsworth  
Car Service

**RELOCATION (1):**

B02227 Rez's Car Service Inc. D/b/a  
Rees Car Service

**RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**

B00827 Castle Car Service Inc.

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**

B01282 New Lots Car Service Inc.

**RELOCATION, OWNERSHIP & CORPORATE NAME CHANGE (1):**

B02182 Spirit Car and Limo Inc.

**The following base is being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:**

B01951 C & D Car Service Inc.

5. A motion was made to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 6)
6. A motion was made to deny the base station license application that was recommended for denial if the base does not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 6)
7. Item 6(a), FHV Stretch Modification Rule, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule. The rule allows for-hire modified vehicles that meet DOT safety standards to also be licensed by TLC as long as they meet specified insurance requirements. A public

hearing was held and the following people testified: Council Member Dominic Recchia; Jasmine Leveaux, Windels Marx on behalf of Coalition of Transportation Associations (“COTA”); Jeff Rose, Limousine Association of New York; and Guy Palumbo, Livery Round Table. Julie Tattoni of Windels Marx on behalf of Lancer Insurance Co. submitted a letter in lieu of testifying. A motion was made to table the proposed rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 6-24)

8. Item 6(b), Driver Bill of Rights Rule, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule. The rule requires conspicuous posting of a taxicab fleet and DOV driver bill of rights. Sample posters of the bill of rights were on display for public inspection. A public hearing was held and the following people testified: Richard Thaler, Omni Media; and Bhainavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance (“NYTWA”). Ms. Desai was joined at the podium by approximately twenty NYTWA members. A motion was made to adopt the rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 24-35).
9. Chairman Yassky excused himself from the meeting and Commissioner Gonzalez took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. (Tr. p. 38).
10. Item 7, Accessible Dispatch Program, was presented to the Commission. TLC Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Planning Ashwini Chhabra presented slides explaining the program. Although a formal public hearing on Accessible Dispatch rules is scheduled for December 15, 2011, the Commission invited public comments after Deputy Commissioner Chhabra’s presentation. The following people testified: Ira Goldstein, New York Black Car Fund; Mark Hemingway, Executive Transportation; Bhainavi Desai, NYTWA; Beresford Simmons, NYTWA; Fidel Del Valle, Greater New York Taxi Association; Guy Palumbo, Livery Round Table (withdrawing his previously submitted written comments); and Richard Thaler, Omni Media. (Tr. pp. 35-79)
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. (Tr. p. 79)

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on December 15, 2011

  
Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

12/15/2011  
Date