

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

December 14, 2006

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *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 that the fare increases had been implemented. (Tr. pp. 3-4).
 - The Chair reported that legislation involving clean air and accessible vehicles was scheduled to be signed by the Mayor next week. (Tr. p. 4).
 - The Chair reported that today's meeting would include detailed updates regarding the taxicab technology customer service enhancements. (Tr. p. 4).
 - The Chair reported that the deadline for the rules project request for proposals submissions was extended until December 15, 2006. (Tr. p. 4).
 - The Chair announced that there is a campaign called "Wear NYC" and that official New York City merchandise could be purchased on the following website: www.officialNYCshop.com. (Tr. p. 5).
 - The Chair reported that the next Commission meetings would be on January 11, 2007 and February 8, 2007. (Tr. p. 6).
 - The Chair reported that the staff planned to have rulemaking proposals for medallion transfer, the taxicab technology customer service enhancements project, and partition and in-vehicle camera specifications for the February meeting. (Tr. pp. 6-7).

- The Chair reported that a rulemaking petition received on September 27, 2006 from a group of for-hire base station owners seeking to change the term of a base license was denied on November 22, 2006. It was denied because the staff will be conducting a comprehensive review of base station licensing provisions next year and will review the issue at that time. (Tr. pp. 7-8).
2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2006 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arout and seconded by Commissioner Weinshall. It passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.13-14).
 3. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, presented the following base license renewal applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (13)

Adams Car & Limousine Service	B01934
B.C.S. Transportation Corporation	B01570
Commack, Inc. d/b/a Barona's Car Service	B01328
Eagle Car & Limousine Service Ltd.	B01424
Freedom Limousine & Car Service	B01454
Grand Limo. & Car Service Inc.	B01848
International Car Service Inc.	B01118
La Mexicana Express Inc.	B01606
Lower East Side Car Service Corp.	B01318
Mega Radio Dispatcher Inc.	B01468
Ocean Car Service Inc. d/b/a Beach Car Service	B01694
Ochs McGuinness Car Service Inc.	B01228
Olympic Luxury Car Service Inc.	B00906

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

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RELOCATION (1)

Community Car Service Corp.	B00029
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NAME CHANGE, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

Bloomingtondale Car Service Inc.	B01960
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The following base was recommended for denial:

DENIALS (1)

One Call Car & Limo. Service (Ownership Change) B02089

(Tr. p. 14).

4. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval except that Adams Car & Limousine Service was tabled until next month. The motion passed unanimously, except that Commissioner Dear abstained from voting on International Car Service Inc. and La Mexicana Express Inc. (Tr. p. 47).
5. Commissioner Arout made a motion to deny One Call Car & Limo Service's application. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 48-49).
6. Commissioner Giannoulis made a motion to approve the proposed taxicab partition model for vehicles with curtain airbags. Factory-installed curtain airbags cannot deploy properly in vehicles with the previous conventional partition design, so this design was proposed as an alternative. Commissioner Arout seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr.p. 52).
7. Niklas Kylvag, representing Ericsson Corporation, and Eric Kim, Chief of Staff to the First Deputy Commissioner, delivered a presentation in support of a pilot program proposal by Ericsson, relating to voluntary installation of cell service testing equipment in taxicabs. Chairman Daus made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Arout seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 53-75).
8. Mr. Kim gave an overview of four local laws recently passed by the City Council regarding clean air and accessible vehicles, which are expected to become effective between April and June of 2007. (Tr. pp. 75-83).
9. Ira Goldstein, Chief of Staff, delivered a presentation on the current status of the taxicab technology customer service enhancements project. (Tr. pp. 83-111).
10. Samara Epstein, Director of Constituent Affairs, delivered a presentation on a project to develop an accessible vehicle central dispatch system. (Tr. pp. 111-127).

11. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 131)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
January 11, 2007.

Michael J. Finner

Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

January 17, 2007

Date