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CHAIR DO: Good morning,
everyone. I'm calling this meeting to
order at 10:02 a.m. I am David Do,
the Commissioner and Chair of the Taxi
& Limousine Commission. And I'm
joined by two of our Commissioners
this morning. I want to thank them
for being here. Commissioner
Sorrentino and Commissioner Aguado.

Today, we have two public hearings. The first hearing is on the proposed rule that would amend sections to the existing vehicle specification rules governing non-accessible medallion taxi cab licenses. This rule package would allow fully electric vehicles to serve as taxis.

The second hearing is on an update to the rules to correct typos, fix certain cross references and to update certain obsolete provisions of our rule book.

And I want to thank our legal

and policy divisions for working so hard on some of those changes.

But before we begin, I have several announcements. First is on MRP Plus. We have seen an outstanding amount of relief delivered in this program. 1,669 medallion owners have gone through this program, and we have reduced debt by 326 million dollars.

Medallion owners can still participate in this program and have until January 17th to start the process. Please visit nyc.gov/taxi for more information on this program.

The Commission will also be passing rules soon to allow owners with eligibility from five to six medallions. So if you own six or less medallions, you would qualify for the MRP Plus program.

The next item I want to talk about is the taxi fare increase and the minimum pay standards. And I want to speak directly to our 172,000

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licensees.

As you all know, at our last meeting on November 15th, we passed two new rules. The taxi meter rate of increase, which was passed unanimously, and the new minimum pay standards for high volume vehicles.

I remember distinctly the joy in that room. Our drivers who were impacted by the outsize of the inflation were able to get a raise.

And now, you know, on December 19th, the taxi meter fare went into effect.

But the minimum pay increase did not.

And that's because Uber sued the TLC to stop it.

But the fight does not end
there. We will continue to fight in
court and make sure that we lead that
fight so that we will win in court and
make sure that all of our drivers, our
passengers and our city's residents
will have a healthy fleet of drivers
that are able to compete with rise in

1 2 costs. 3 I want everyone to know, right, we are on the forefront and we will 4 keep fighting so that our drivers 5 deserve the raise that the Commission 6 7 unanimously voted on. 8 And now I will hand it over to 9 our deputy general counsel, Carolyn 10 Wolpert to go through the speaker list 11 today. MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Thank you, 12 13 Commissioner. 14 Good morning, everyone. When I call your name, this is for the 15 16 speakers, you can unmute your 17 microphone and begin your testimony. Each speaker will be allotted 18 19 three minutes to speak. The time 2.0 limit will be strictly enforced, and a 21 30-second warning will be provided. But at that point, you need to 22 23 conclude your testimony when your time 24 limit is up. 25 The video of these hearings and

1 copies of all written comments will be 2 3 provided to the Commissioners prior to the vote on these rules at the next 4 5 Commission meeting. With that, we'll begin our first 6 7 public hearing on electric vehicles as 8 taxis. And I will call our first 9 speaker. 10 I'm getting a message -- I don't think we have someone who did ask to 11 12 speak. So I think we'll start, Peter, with you. So if you are ready, Peter, 13 14 I think you wanted to speak on the 15 regulatory review; is that right? 16 MR. MAZER: That's correct. 17 Good morning. MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Okay. So if 18 19 we can go ahead. Thank you. 2.0 MR. MAZER: Sure. Good morning. 21 My name is Peter Mazer. I'm general 22 counsel to the Metropolitan Taxicab 23 Board of Trade. We are a trade 24 association that represents owners and 25 operators of license medallion

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taxicabs, and we also provide a full service driver center that provides assistance in administrative and other proceedings on behalf of drivers who lease from our members.

I would like to -- I'm going to submit written comments today with respect to these rules. There are 17 proposed changes. While the statement of basis and purpose described as the proposed changes as technical and clerical in many cases, four of the changes that I would like to focus on are quite substantiative.

I have written comments, and I ask that they be part of the record and that they be presented to the Commissioners before any vote is taken.

One of these proposed changes would limit the use of -- on how agents provide -- deal with credit card payments to sublease drivers.

Agents generally work with one driver,

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a lease driver, and then they sub -and then that driver subleases to
other drivers. The drivers settle up
their credit card amounts between
themselves. But because of an oath
ruling that says that sublease drivers
cannot file claims against lease
drivers, the lease driver -- the
lessee is required to make the
payments to the lease drivers. And
this rule would change that.

We are submitting written comments and we believe that the better approach would be to have the lease driver responsible to his sublease driver because the lease driver has contact with that driver and the lease driver is in fact the one who retains the sublease driver and should be responsible for dealing with the credit card payments.

The second provision calls for a change in lease termination provisions, which now call for the

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2 right, if it provides in a contract that there be a reasonable termination 3 This fee has to be spelled out 4 5 in the contract and it must be reasonable. 6 7 The one word reasonable is now 8 replaced with a section of rules of 9 about 175 words describing exactly 10 what the lease termination payment --11 TIMEKEEPER: Thirty seconds 12 remaining. 13 MR. MAZER: Thank you. And we believe that the better 14 15 approach is also to continue to make 16 no change to the rule. 17

We also are concerned about the agents and the rule that now requires that agents be jointly liable with medallion owners for certain rule violations. This could result in the suspension of agent licenses for misconduct by medallion owners because of the joint and several liability provision. And we ask that the rule

not be changed in that regard.
As I stated earlier, my written
comments
TIMEKEEPER: Time has expired.
MR. MAZER: and we ask that
they be included as part of the
record.
Thank you for your time.
MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Thank you
very much, Mr. Mazer.
Our next speaker is I believe
Raul Rivera. And I think he wants to
speak on the electric vehicles. So if
there's no one else seeking to speak
on the regulatory review, we'll end
this public hearing.
MR. RIVERA: Yes.
MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Mr. Rivera,
is that you?
MR. RIVERA: Yes. Can you hear
me? Can you see me? Can you see me?
MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Can't see
you. Can hear you.
MR. RIVERA: Do we have video in

1 2 this meeting? 3 MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: I believe I think we can take a minute to 4 5 see if we can get that going. MR. RIVERA: Okay. Okay. Hold 6 7 on, hold on. Okay. Now. 8 MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Okay. 9 Please go ahead with your comments. 10 MR. RIVERA: Good morning, and 11 thank you for having this hearing. 12 know one of the topics is going to be EV vehicles, and I wanted to bring to 13 14 the attention of the Commissioner, a concern that I have. And I don't 15 16 think a lot of people are really going 17 to touch on it, but I'm going to touch 18 on it. 19 And as an advocate, I'm also 2.0 going to speak out on it. It has to 21 do with EMF. What are EMF? EMF are 22 electric magnetic fields. I'll 23 repeat, electric magnetic fields. 24 we know about wireless devices causing 25 radiation. There's a -- I think

there's a study that should be done by the TLC, by the City. We are also going to speak with councilmembers that are interested in looking into this.

Basically, when you get into an electric vehicle, it's almost like getting into a microwave. And it's out of sight, out of mind. A lot of people don't see it, but there's EMF ratings that are very high in the vehicle. There's a lot of information out there on this, but it's never spoken about.

So we want to encourage the

Commissioner and the TLC to do a study
on the effects of these EMFs on
passengers and on drivers. Especially
the driver who is always in the car,
at least eight to 10 hours a day. I
think it's very important that
something gets done about this.
Whether it's true or false, we know
that the batteries are very big and

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1 2 they're under the vehicles. 3 Also, the commuter vans, they're 4 talking about putting electric 5 commuter vans in Brooklyn and the 6 City. The commuter vans also going to 7 have even bigger batteries with bigger electric magnetic fields. So that's 8 9 something TLC should look into and the 10 City. 11 And I thank you for your time. MS. WOLPERT, ESQ.: Thank you 12 very much, Mr. Rivera. 13 That concludes our comments for 14 today, and concludes our second public 15 16 hearing. 17 CHAIR DO: I first want to thank 18 everyone for being here today and 19 thank the TLC for -- for helping get 2.0 this -- get this going and wishing not only all of our team members a happy 21 22 holiday, but also thanking all those 23 who are watching a happy holiday. 24 And I want to also thank again 25 Commissioner Sorrentino and

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                Commissioner Aguado for being here
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                today to support this public hearing.
                      And with that, the time is
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                10:13, and I'll adjourn this meeting.
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