

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**January 29, 2015**

Present:

Meera Joshi, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*  
LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Jacques Jiha, *Commissioner*  
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*  
Christopher Wilson, *General Counsel*

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. with Commissioners Carone, DeArcy, Gonzales, Jiha, and Marino present and reported the following:
  - Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in staying off the streets during the blizzard and to the Department of Sanitation for their work in clearing them.
  - Ruben Santiago, a highly-decorated former detective who has been at the Business Integrity Commission as Director of Investigations and Enforcement, will soon begin work at the TLC as Assistant Commissioner of Enforcement.
  - Midori Valdivia will be joining the TLC as Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Operations. She is currently Senior Advisor to Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye.
2. Item 3 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (December 18, 2014, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
3. Item 4 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Chris Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW (3):**

B02804      Center Of The World Car Service Corp.  
B02805      Handi Car Service Corp.  
B02808      Invasora Express Car Service Corp.

**RENEWALS (3):**

B02311 Fast City Car & Limo Svc Inc.  
B02477 Mathes Service, Inc. D/B/A: Nunu Rochdale Car Service  
B00889 Mexicana Car Service Inc.

**CHANGE OF LOCATION (3):**

B01013 Americana Transportation Llc  
B02488 Great Express Car & Limousine Service Inc  
B02111 Huang Hou Car Services Inc. D/B/A: Huang Hou Car Services Inc.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND LOCATION (1):**

B01416 My Car Service Inc.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1):**

B00056 Transit Private Car Service Inc

**CHANGE OF OFFICER (2):**

B01704 Ameriworld I Inc  
B01285 Union Radio Dispatch Inc.

**BASES RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL (4)**

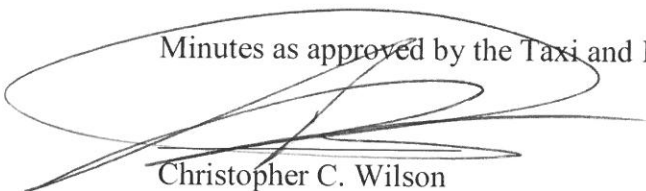
B02395 Abatar Inc. D/B/A: Abatar Car & Limo Service  
B02743 Hershey's Car & Limo Inc.  
B01934 Adam's Car And Limo Service  
B02781 In'tegrite I.I.R. Transportation Services, LLC

4. 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.
5. Item 5, Driver Education Rules, was presented for commission action. General Counsel Wilson introduced the proposed rules, which would enhance and expand driver education requirements. Following the December 2014 public hearing on the proposed rules, the TLC removed language that requires drivers to take courses with a single provider and added language to provide for a conditional FHV driver's license until the infrastructure is in place to offer driver education training to FHV drivers. The General Counsel called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
6. Item 6, Pilot Resolution: Used Vehicles, was presented for commission action. Rodney Stiles, Director of Research and Evaluation at the TLC, gave a presentation on the resolution, which would allow used vehicles that are no more than two years old and that are of a vehicle model approved by the TLC to be placed into taxi service. The Commission first considered three amendments to the resolution: (1) Adding to paragraph 1 the sentence, "The chairperson can terminate the pilot program at any time." (2) Changing paragraph 4 to read, "The minimum number of participants will be one. The maximum number of vehicles eligible to participate shall be 400." (3) Changing

paragraph 6 to read, "The number of participants in the pilot program is not limited but the maximum number of vehicles eligible to participate shall be 400. The pilot program will need at least one participant in order to effectively test the use of used vehicles in taxicab service." The General Counsel called for a vote on the amendments, and the amendments passed unanimously. The General Counsel then called for a vote on the resolution, as so amended, and it passed unanimously.

7. Item 7, Owner Must Drive Rule Revisions, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. Keith Walsh, an Assistant General Counsel at the TLC, gave a presentation on the proposed rules, which would give owners of independent medallions greater flexibility under the Owner Must Drive Rules by, among other things, changing the shift requirement to an hour requirement, reducing the amount of time that owner-drivers must be on the road each year, reducing the fines assessed against owner-drivers who do not meet the use requirements, and reducing from ten to five the number of years that an owner must own an independent medallion before exercising the independent designated driver option. The following people testified on the proposed rule revisions: Ethan Gerber, Peter Mazer, Tweeps Phillips, Erhan Tuncel, David Clarke, Nixon Jean Pierre, Shovan Barua, Bill Lindauer, Bhairavi Desai, and Hardev Otal. Prior to voting on the proposed rules, Commissioners Jiha, Carone, DeArcy, and Marino expressed their support for these rules as a step in the right direction and for ultimately eliminating owner-driver requirements altogether. The General Counsel then called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
8. Item 8, E-Hail Rules, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. Ryan Wanttaja, an Assistant General Counsel at the TLC, gave a presentation on the proposed rules, which seek to make permanent the e-hail pilot but also expand e-hail to street hail liveries and wheelchair accessible vehicles. The following people testified on the proposed rules: Council Member Ben Kallos, Ethan Gerber, Michael Simon, George Laszlo, Jeremy Phillips, Richard Thaler, Anthony Parrizzi, Peter Mazer, Tweeps Phillips, Bijou Mathew, and Bhairavi Desai. Commissioner Jiha asked for more time to review the proposed rules before the Commission votes on them. General Counsel Wilson called for a vote on a motion by Chairperson Joshi to move ahead with a vote on the proposed rules, and the motion was approved by voice vote. The General Counsel then called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on March 19, 2015.



Christopher C. Wilson  
General Counsel

3/19/15  
Date