

NEW YORK CITY  
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**April 12, 2007**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*  
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *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 it was Taxi Week, in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the motorized, gasoline-powered taxicab. He noted that the Design Trust Taxi '07 display at the International Auto Show was open until April 15. (Tr. pp. 3-7).
  - The Chair recognized the attendance of guests Paul Gillespie, the Chairman of the San Francisco Taxi and Limousine Commission; James Bisson, President of the International Association of Transportation Regulators; Elaine Buckstein, Director of Enforcement from the City of Mississauga; Delores MacAdam, Manager of Law and Regulatory Services, City of Ottawa; and Linda Anderson, Manager of Enforcement and Inspections, City of Ottawa. (Tr. pp. 7-9).
  - The Chair reported that the annual driver recognition ceremony was held on March 29, 2007 at the Rooftop Gardens at the Rockefeller Center. (Tr. pp. 9-10).
  - The Chair reported that he recently testified at City Council hearings on the TLC budget and a Taxi Stand Bill. (Tr. pp. 10-11).
  - The Chair congratulated Barbara Schechter on accepting a position at the Housing and Preservation Development Agency, and thanked her for 18 years

of service at the TLC, especially her work on drug testing programs and taxi driver exams. (Tr. pp.11-12).

- The Chair announced that although Commissioner Weinshall was leaving her position at the City's Department of Transportation on April 13 and beginning a new position as Deputy Chancellor at the City University of New York, she would remain a Commissioner with TLC. (Tr. pp.12-13).
  - The Chair offered condolences and reported that Stan Daniels, the producer and writer of the sitcom Taxi, passed away April 11 at 72 years old. (Tr. p.13).
  - The Chair offered condolences and reported that Eli Resnick, a driver and activist well known as the Candy Man, who received awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award, passed away recently. (Tr. pp.13-14).
  - The Chair reported that the next two Commission meetings were tentatively scheduled for May 10 and June 14. (Tr. pp.14-15).
  - The Chair reported that there may be a presentation on taxicab markings at the May meeting with rulemaking to follow. (Tr. pp. 15-16).
2. A motion to adopt the minutes of the March 8, 2007 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Gonzalez. It was seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis, and passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 16).
  3. Gary Weiss, Deputy Commissioner for Licensing, reported that all base license renewal applications were submitted on time for the first time. He also reported that of the four bases conditionally denied by the Commission in March, Pack Eagle Incorporated and Mega Car Service both submitted applications meeting all requirements, and the other two had failed to meet requirements and their applications are therefore closed. (Tr. pp.16-18).
  4. Deputy Commissioner Weiss presented the following base station license renewal applications for consideration:

The following base stations were recommended for approval:

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (16):**

Acapulco Car Service Inc.	B00968
A.M.N. Management Inc. D/b/a Always Ready Car Service	B01420
Big King Car & Limo. Inc	B02048
Cobble Hill Car Service	B00233
Delancey Car Service Inc. D/b/a Delancey Car Service	B00225
Empire Car Service Inc	B01821
GDR Car & Limo. Inc. D/b/a Seaside Car Service	B01482
Mobil Car Service	B01492
New Daynight Car Service	B01672
NJM Inc. D/b/a Mid Island Car Service	B00972
Pak-Eagle Inc. D/b/a Jewel Car Service	B01128
P.J. Car Service	B00984
Rockaway Car & Limo. Service Inc. D/b/a Rockaway Car Service of	B01540

Queens	
Verrazano Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B01422
Vic & Bay Car Service, Inc.	B00706
Victory Car & Limo Service Inc.	B01642
<b><u>RENEWAL &amp; RELOCATION (1):</u></b>	
Prospect Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B02049
<b><u>RENEWAL &amp; OWNERSHIP CHANGE &amp; RELOCATION (1):</u></b>	
Aquarium Express D/b/a Aquarium Car & Limo Inc	B01856
<b><u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE (3):</u></b>	
Bnei Joseph Car & Limo. Service	B01039
Shadia Car & Limo. Service	B02093
Transit Private Car Service Inc.	B00056
<b><u>OWNERSHIP CHANGE &amp; RELOCATION(1):</u></b>	
Wellspring International Inc.	B02097
<b><u>RELOCATION (3):</u></b>	
24-7 Luxury Car Service Inc.	B02107
Kingsbay Car Service	B00151
R & B Car Limo. Corp.	B01565
<b><u>RELOCATION &amp; OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):</u></b>	
One Call Car & Limo. Service	B02089
The following 2 bases were recommended for denial:	
<b><u>DENIALS (2):</u></b>	
Montague Management D/b/a Prominent Car & Limo.	B02055
NY Kings Transportation Inc. D/b/a Kings Car Service	B01650

(Tr. pp. 18-19).

5. Commissioner Dear made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval and to deny all of the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis, and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 19).
6. Chairman Daus stated that Acapulco, AMM Management, Cobblehill, Mobile Car Service, New Day Night Car Service, PJ Car Service, Rockaway Car and Limo, Verrazano Car and Limo, Vic and Bay Car Service and Transit Private Car Service need to submit business plans because they have one or more convictions for dispatching unlicensed cars. (Tr. pp.22-23).
7. Jennifer Palmer, Assistant Director of Constituent Affairs, delivered a presentation on a request for information to be issued for TLC vehicle audio communication service enhancement. (Tr. pp.25-29).

8. Peter Schenkman, Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions, Jim Mayfield, Vice-President of Autovan Corporation, and Jim Bishop, CEO/President of Autovan, delivered a presentation on a pilot program proposal for a Toyota Sienna wheelchair-accessible minivan. A motion was made by Commissioner Weinshall to approve the pilot program proposal, with a duration of six to twelve months, and up to two vehicles per participant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Polanco and passed unanimously. (Tr. Pp. 29-41).
9. Assistant Commissioner Schenkman and Mike Bruno, President and CEO of Bruno Independent Living Aids, delivered a presentation on a pilot program proposal for two mobility products, the turning automotive seat and the joey lift. A motion was made by Commissioner Giannoulis to approve the pilot program proposal, with a duration of six to twelve months with a driver-owned vehicle and up to two fleet vehicles per participant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonzales and passed unanimously. (Tr. Pp.41-53).
10. Ms. Palmer delivered a presentation on a pilot program proposal from Cavallaro Media Services involving a livery telephone system, and recommended denial because there is nothing in TLC rules precluding the company from installing the systems without a pilot program. A motion was made by Chairman Daus to deny the proposal, it was seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.59-64).
11. A public hearing was conducted on the proposed rules regarding petition and in-vehicle camera specifications. Mr. Fraser outlined the proposed rules and stated that staff recommended one revision to the published proposed rules: the addition of a provision requiring that in-vehicle camera systems be installed and repaired only by TLC-licensed taximeter businesses or businesses licensed by the City's Department of Consumer Affairs. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Joseph Gianetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Diego Yepes, representing the Taxi Camera Corporation; Jeff Steinman, representing the All Borough Auto Sound and Security; Bill Lindauer and Barry Fitzsimmons, members of the New York City Taxi Workers Alliance; Artie Grover, officer of the Livery Owners Coalition; Benny Yuro; Terry Walker, representing Verified Technologies. A motion was made by Chairman Daus to approve the proposed rules with the revision recommended by staff and an additional revision to allow that installation and repair affidavits required by the rules be submitted within 14 calendar days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.64-92).
12. A public hearing was conducted on the proposed rules regarding clean air and accessible vehicle markings. Mr. Fraser outlined the proposed rules and stated that staff recommended a revision to the proposed rules requiring a blue rooflight only on accessible vehicles, and not on clean air vehicles. The following individuals testified at the hearing: John Mazzia from A Ride For All; Ethan

Gerber, Esq.; and Nick Wikowich from Clear Channel. The rules proposal was tabled. (Tr. pp.92-101).

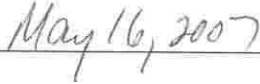
13. Commissioner Giannoulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Polanco seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 103).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
May 10, 2007.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date