

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**September 20, 2012**

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*  
LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*  
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. A motion was made at 9:46 a.m. to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and possible litigation matters. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session.
2. The Commission returned from executive session at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened the meeting. Chairman Yassky abstained from making a Chair's Report.
3. Item 4 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (July 12, 2012, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Angelique Meola, Supervisor for Owner/Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW (7):**

B02561	A C Car Service
B02543	Aden Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B02569	Gogreenride Inc.
B02541	Hiba Car & Limo. Service Inc.
B02565	Jackson Heights Car Service Inc.
B02580	Metropolitan Area L.L.C.
B02573	Sunset Park Car Service Inc.

**RENEWALS (15):**

B02183	Bangla Car & Limo. Service Inc.
B01277	D & J Services Inc.
B01311	Discount Car Service
B01081	Georgetown Management Inc.
B00751	Keshet Car Service Ltd.

B00941	Personal Touch Car Service
B01289	Prestij Transportation Inc. D/b/a Prestige Car Service
B01764	Quick Ride Corp.
B01263	Rachel's Car Service Inc.
B00149	Rainbow Radio Dispatch Inc.
B02335	Rochdale Car Service Inc.
B01069	RPO Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B01079	The Metro Marine Car Service Inc. D/b/a Marine Limo. & Car Service Inc.
B01109	United Express Car & Limousine Service
B01601	Yours Car Service Inc.

**RENEWAL & RELOCATION (1):**

B02121	Kings Plaza Car Service Inc.
--------	------------------------------

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

B01751	Concorde Express of New York
--------	------------------------------

**RELOCATIONS (3):**

B01485	Flamingo Transportation & Limousine Service
B01231	Go Car Corp.
B02206	La Poblanita Car Service Corp.

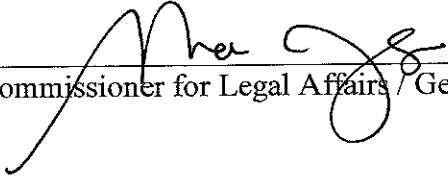
**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (4)**

B02423	77 Express Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B01362	American Base No. 1 Inc.
B02265	County Car Service Inc.
B02347	Pace Care Service

5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Item 6(a), Taxi of Tomorrow Rules, was presented for Commission action. Chairman Yassky remarked that he was excited that the TLC undertook a project to design a car that suited the needs of taxi owners and passengers. Chairman Yassky noted that the new taxis would be roomier, contain charging ports, and amenities that will make entry into and exit from the taxi easier for people with mobility issues. Chairman Yassky invited the commissioners to speak on the rule prior to voting and Commissioner Marino spoke in opposition to the rule. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule which would require all non-exempt medallion owners to hack up with the NV200 by late fall of 2013. In response to public comment on the rule, retirement incentives for medallion owners, including owners of accessible medallions were added. Chairman Yassky called for a roll call vote on the proposed rules. Commissioner Gjonaj voted no. Commissioner DeArcy voted yes. Chairman Yassky voted yes. Commissioner Weinshall voted yes. Commissioner Gonzales voted yes. Commissioner Polanco voted yes. Commissioner Marino voted no. The rules were adopted by a vote of 5 to 2.

7. Item 7(a), Technical Amendments, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule. The rule implements Local Law 26 of 2011, prohibiting the facilitation of sex-trafficking with an FHV, increases penalties for unlicensed activities, and contains a number of technical amendments to existing rules. Following publication, the rule was amended by clarifying that failure to pass a drug test and driving while impaired are separate violations, deleting a section which increased penalties for FHV owners for failure to comply with directives, and increased penalties added for drivers operating without a valid state or TLC license to reflect mandatory minimums established by Local Law 36 of 2012. A public hearing was held on the rule and the following people testified: Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade (“MTBOT”); Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; and Edith Prentiss, Taxis for All Campaign. General Counsel Joshi initiated a roll call vote on the rule. Commissioner Gjonaj voted yes. Commissioner DeArcy voted yes. Chairman Yassky voted yes. Commissioner Weinshall voted yes. Commissioner Gonzales voted yes. Commissioner Polanco voted yes. Commissioner Marino abstained. The rules were adopted by a vote of 6 yeases and one abstention.
8. A further portion of Item 7(a), Technical Amendments, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the final portion of the rule. The proposed rule clarifies that FHV’s with less than 500 miles, regardless of model year, are only required to undergo visual inspections. A public hearing was held on the rule and the following people testified: Pasqualino Russo, Coalition of Transportation Associations; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance (“NYTWA”); and Jose Jaen, New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers. General Counsel Joshi initiated a roll call vote on the rule. Commissioner Gjonaj voted yes. Commissioner DeArcy voted yes. Chairman Yassky voted yes. Commissioner Weinshall voted yes. Commissioner Gonzales voted yes. Commissioner Polanco voted yes. Commissioner Marino voted yes. The rule passed unanimously.
9. Chairman Yassky tabled Item 8(a), Rooflight Rules.
10. Commissioners Polanco and Marino noted that the minutes of the July 12, 2012, Commission meeting incorrectly listed Commissioner Polanco as voting twice on the Fare Rules, casting both a yes and a no vote, and did not list Commissioner Marino as voting at all. Chairman Yassky moved to correct the minutes of the July 12, 2012 Commission meeting to list Commissioner Polanco’s vote as yes and to list Commissioner Marino’s vote as no. The motion passed unanimously.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on November 29, 2012

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

12/19/2012  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date