

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**October 25, 2006**

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Noach Dear, *Commissioner*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*  
Elliot Sander, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
  - The Chair reported that the Garden in Transit project had begun and that volunteers may get involved. (Tr. pp.3-4).
  - The Chair reported that bids for 230 of the 308 recently auctioned medallions have been closed, and 228 of the medallions have been hacked up. (Tr. pp.4-5).
  - The Chair reported that the taxicab technology customer enhancements were in the functional testing stage, and that extensive outreach was underway. (Tr. p. 5).
  - The Chair reported that the TLC attended the International Association for Transportation Regulators Conference in Seattle. (Tr. pp.6-7).
  - The Chair reported that a rulemaking petition received on August 8, 2006 was denied. The petition proposed allowing for-hire vehicle drivers to refuse service to passengers who entered Nassau County. (Tr. pp.7-8).
  - The Chair reported that the next two Commission meetings will be on November 16 and December 14. (Tr. p.8).
  - The Chair agreed to review the performance and specifications of accessible vehicles at an upcoming meeting. (Tr. pp.14-15).

2. Chief Judge Elizabeth Bonina presented eight new administrative law judges, and administered the oath of office to them. (Tr. pp.15-18).
3. Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioner for the Department of Transportation, delivered a presentation on the Times Square Shuffle, an initiative for a new traffic pattern in Times Square. (Tr. pp.19-25).
4. A motion to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2006 Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arout and seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis. It passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.25-26).
5. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, presented the following base license renewal applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

**NEW APPLICATIONS (2)**

2020 Car Service	B02145
Pelham Multi Services Corp.	B02154

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (32)**

AD Private CS Inc. DBA Always Dependable Car Service	B01598
Alex II	B01195
American Base No. 1 Inc.	B01362
Andrea Car Service Inc.	B01222
Bensonhurst Car Service Corp.	B01280
DoMax Corp. D/b/a High Bridge Car Service	B00334
Express Private Car Service	B00166
Hummingbird Car Service	B00106
Jerusalem Car Service	B01608
Keshet Car Service Ltd.	B00751
KKD Enterprise Inc. D/b/a Orange Limo. & Car Service	B01971
Lucky Express Corp. D/b/a Good Luck Car Service	B01730
Melmac Service Group Copr. D/b/a Econo Express Car Service	B01100
Mexicana High Class Inc. D/b/a Capitol Car Service	B00021
Monaco Limo & Car Service	B01741
Myrtle Avenue Car & Limo. Service	B01363
New Lots Car Service	B01282
New Relampago Car Service Corp.	B01487
Onnuri Limo. Tour Inc.	B02015

Panthers Transp. Group Inc.	B02007
Preferred Car Service Inc.	B00360
Premier Car Service Inc.	B00220
Progress Car & Limo.	B01720
Queens Community Car Service	B01457
Roundtown Private Car Service Inc.	B00570
Segura Mobile Service Inc. D/b/a Allen Car & Limo. Service	B00790
Shepreid Car Service & Limousine Corp.	B01292
T.J.'s Car Service Inc.	B01833
Top City Car Service	B00925
Unity Car Service	B01056
US Express Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B01724
W.K. Car & Limo. Service Inc.	B01721

**RENEWAL & CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (4)**

Africa Express Car Service Inc.	B02036
AR Car & Limo. Corp.	B01722
R Transportation Inc.	B01614
Super Class Radio Dispatch	B01726

**RENEWAL & RELOCATION (1)**

New York Cars Corp.	B01256
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**RENEWAL, RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

A Ride For All	B02026
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**RELOCATION & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)**

Selena Car Service & Limo.	B02059
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**CHANGE OF LOCATION (2)**

Forest Avenue Car Service	B02028
Lower East Side Car Service Corp.	B01318

The following base was recommended for denial:

**DENIALS (1)**

Year 2000 (Y2K) Car & Limousine Service Inc.	B01799
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(Tr. p. 26).

- Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval and denial. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.26-27).

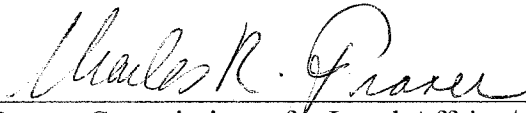
7. The Chair asked the Licensing Division to follow up with the following base stations to ensure that they are adhering to their business plans: AD Private Car Service, American Base, Jerusalem Car Service, Keshet, Mexicana, Monaco, Myrtle, New Relampago, Premier, Roundtown, Segura, Shepreid, Top City, Africa Express, and AR Car & Limo and Super Class. (Tr. p. 27).
8. Sara Meyers, Director of Special Projects, presented a request pursuant to section 4-10(l) of the Commission's rules that paratransit bases be permitted to place stickers on of paratransit vehicles, stating that drivers are needed. Ms. Meyers recommended that the stickers be permitted on the backs of paratransit vehicles, and that the stickers conform to section 1-36(i) of the Commission's rules, which governs similar stickers on taxicabs. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the sticker, Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules, it was seconded, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.27-29).
9. Andrew Salkin, First Deputy Commissioner, delivered a presentation on adjustments to taxicab rates of fare. (Tr. pp. 31-42).
10. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules regarding adjustment to the taxicab rate of fare. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Erhan Tuncel, Bill Lindauer, and Beresford Simmons, all representing the Taxi Workers' Alliance; Uppkar Thind and Vincent Sapone, representing the League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Bernard Celerino; Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxi Board of Trade; Dave Pollack, representing the Committee for Taxi Safety; Isaac Hakimi; and Osman Shari. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules, it was seconded, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.42-76).
11. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules regarding proof of identity of applicants for various TLC licenses. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Jason Megill; Naureen Rashid on behalf of Bhairavi Desai, representing the Taxi Workers' Alliance; and Mark Ralin. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules, which was seconded by Commissioner Giannoulis, and was passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.77-90).
12. A public hearing was conducted on proposed rules regarding procedures for summary suspensions of TLC-issued licenses for violations of TLC rules and violations posing a threat to public health or safety. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Dave Pollack, representing the Committee for Taxi Safety; Erhan Tuncel, representing the Taxi Workers' Alliance; Peter Mazer; Naureen Rashid on behalf of Bhairavi Desai, representing the Taxi Workers' Alliance; and Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxi Board of Trade. Commissioner Arout made a motion to approve the proposed rules. It was

seconded by Commissioner Weinshall, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 90-113).

13. Commissioner Arout made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 113)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on November 16, 2006.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date