

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

April 21, 2011

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Nora Marino, *Commissioner*

Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
 - Chairman Yassky announced that the TLC has moved to new offices at 33 Beaver Street. The Chairman thanked TLC staff who worked hard to accomplish this move. (Tr. pp. 1-2)
 - The Chair reported that there is a pending proposal to consolidate various administrative tribunals under the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (“OATH”). TLC’s tribunal is one of those being considered for consolidation. A public hearing on this issue took place last Friday. OATH has committed to maintaining hearings in their present locations. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
 - Chairman Yassky reported on accessible dispatch. This is the joint effort to ensure that the taxi, livery, and black car industries are accessible to people with disabilities. The TLC released a request for proposals for dispatch service for accessible taxicabs. This builds on previous efforts and a request for information released in December. The request is available on the City’s website and proposals are due on May 26th. (Tr. pp. 6-8)
 - Chairman Yassky reported that the TLC’s Saturday inspections achieved the goal of keeping FHV inspection wait times down. (Tr. p. 8)
 - The Chair reported on the new rulebook. The comprehensive revised rules became effective on April 1. Copies of the new rules are available on the TLC’s website. (Tr. p. 9)

- The Chair reported on several upcoming rules proposals. In May, the TLC will consider rules revamping the TLC fine structure. This project was explained in a presentation last month. Also, a rule institutionalizing the taxi group ride stands at the Port Authority Bus Terminal will be presented. In June, the Commission Meeting will be held in the Bronx. (Tr. pp. 10-11)
 - The Chair also announced two staff changes at the TLC. Deputy Commissioner Pansy Mullings will be retiring in July. Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs/General Counsel Charles Fraser will be moving to DoITT to become their General Counsel. (Tr. pp. 12-13)
2. Items 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (Amended January 20, 2011 Commission meeting and March 10, 2011 Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 13)
 3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele-Radway, Assistant Commissioner for Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

NEW(4):

B02445 Grove Car Service Inc.
 B02436 Federal Transit N.Y. Inc.
 B02463 Morenita Express Car Service Inc.
 B02462 Tiffany's Car Service, Inc.

RENEWALS (32):

B00481 18th Avenue Private Car Service
 B01338 3210 Webster Avenue
 D/b/a Prestige Car Service
 B01194 440 Car Service Inc.
 B00449 A Kings Highway
 B00492 Blu White Associated Transportation Service Inc.
 B00900 Community Quisqueya Car Service Inc.
 B00325 Continental Radio Dispatch Corp.
 B01538 Family San Juan Radio Dispatch
 B01678 G Way Transport Inc.
 B01506 Hoyt Limo & Service Corp.
 B00255 JSE Management Corp. D/b/a Dial A Ride
 B01300 Kennedy Radio Dispatch Inc.
 B00183 Kew Gardens Operating Corp.
 B01308 Lil'D Dispatch Inc.
 B00992 Linda & M Transportation Inc.
 D/b/a New Yorker Car Service
 B00345 Martins Belle Harbour Car Service
 B01020 Michaels Car Service Inc.
 D/b/a Union Limo. & Car Service

B01559 Munkacs Car Service Ltd.
 B01190 New Bell Car Service Corp.
 B01768 New Superior Radio Group Corp.
 B01200 New York Apple Car Service Inc.
 D/b/a NY Limo. & Car Service
 B00652 Rescue Car Service Inc.
 B01540 Rockaway Car & Limo. Service Inc.
 D/b/a Rockaway Car Service of Queens
 B01522 STM Enterprises, Inc.
 D/b/a Java Car & Limousine Service
 B00429 Surf Car Systems Inc.
 B00037 Transportation Unlimited Car Service
 B01364 Tulcingo Car Service Inc.
 B00882 UNC Car & Limo Service
 B01126 U-Need Car Service
 B01340 Unicar Company Inc.
 B00706 Vic & Bay Car Service Inc.
 D/b/a Dejoy's Red Top
 B01510 Waheguru Transportation Inc.
 D/b/a Parson Car Service Inc.
RENEWAL, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE(2):
 B01394 Empire Simcha Inc. D/b/a V & M Transportation Corp.
 D/b/a
 B01958 St. Albans Hollis Car Service
RELOCATION, OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE(1):
 B02034 Moe Limo & Car Service Inc.

The following base is being recommended for denial if TLC requirements are not met within 30 days:

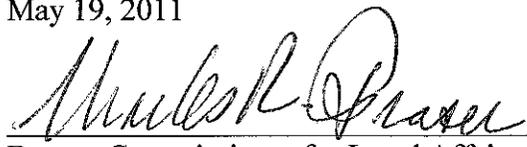
B02266 Yadah Transportation Inc.

4. A motion was made to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 13)
5. A motion was made to deny the base station license application that was recommended for denial if the base does not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 13)
6. Item 4 (a), Emergency Rulemaking on Taxicab Vehicle Specifications, was presented to the Commission for approval. Deputy Commissioner Mullings gave a presentation explaining the emergency rule. Commissioner Arout moved to approve the rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 13-19)
7. Item 5(a), Street Hail Fines for FHV Base Stations, was presented to the Commission for a public hearing and Commission Action. Emily Gallo, Director

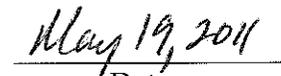
- of Policy, gave a presentation explaining the rule. A public hearing was held and the following people testified: Avik Kabessa; Berj Haroutunian, Black Car Assistance Corporation; Jeff Rose, Limousine Association of New York; Richard Thaler, Omni Media; Rafael Rosario, Dominicana Car Service; Sotiris Lambroboulos, Athenaian Limo; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; and Beresford Simmons, New York Taxi Workers Alliance. A vote on this proposed rule was tabled to a future Commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 19-77)
8. Ashwini Chhabra, Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Programs, gave a presentation explaining a proposal to change the rules governing taxicab service by independently owned medallions (“Owner Must Drive”). (Tr. pp. 77-93)
 9. Gary Weiss, Deputy Commissioner for Licensing and Standards, gave a presentation explaining a proposal to change the rules governing license fitness standards and procedures. (Tr. pp. 93-100)
 10. Michael DelBene, Urban Fellow, gave a presentation describing new decals reminding passengers to exit curbside. The decal would be optional. A motion was made to approve this decal for use in taxicabs. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp.100-101)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
May 19, 2011



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



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