

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

November 18, 2010

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*
Harry Giannoulis, *Commissioner*
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
 - Chairman Yassky introduced new TLC Commissioner Mark Gjonaj. Commissioner Gjonaj was appointed by the City Council on October 27 and will serve the remainder of the term ending in January 2015. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
 - The Chair reported on the Taxi of Tomorrow. Mayor Bloomberg announced the three leading contenders, Ford Motor Company for the Transit Connect, Karsan for the V-1, and Nissan for their NV200. Each of them must submit their best and final offer in the next month to six weeks. A vehicle will be selected early next year. In conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, the TLC has launched a webpage to solicit public feedback. The webpage includes a survey on the attributes the public cares the most about. Also, a public service announcement is running in taxicabs. (Tr. pp. 5-6)
 - Chairman Yassky announced that Ashwini Chhabra joined the TLC as Deputy Commissioner for Policy and Programs. (Tr. p. 7)
 - Chairman Yassky reported on several milestones. Earlier this month, the 4,000th hybrid electric taxicab was hacked up. Credit card usage continues to grow and this month 43 percent of the total fare amount was paid by credit card. Additionally, tips on fares paid by credit card averaged 19 percent of the fare. (Tr. pp. 8-9)
 - The Chair reported on livery vehicle inspection wait times. The wait for a new vehicle inspection is about 12 days and the wait for a transfer is about 5 days. TLC is working to reduce the wait and has added extra hours on Friday. (Tr. p. 9)

- Chairman Yassky reported on the budget. The New York Post reports that the Mayor will release his midyear financial plan today. There will be no layoffs at the TLC. However, the core inspection fee and the licensee fee were identified as fees that do not cover the cost operations and will be adjusted. (Tr. pp. 10-11)
 - The Chair reported on the issue of accessibility. The TLC has tried to ensure service for passengers who use wheelchairs, but has not yet achieved an acceptable level of service for those passengers. Next month the TLC will hold a hearing on this issue. Between now and then, the TLC will put forward a proposal and solicit comments for the December meeting. (Tr. pp. 11-12)
 - Chairman Yassky honored former TLC Commissioner Matthew Daus for his service to the TLC. (Tr. pp. 13-17)
2. Item 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (October 21, 2010 Commission Meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 17-18)
 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:

The following bases are being recommended for approval:

NEW(2):

B02417	Atlicxco Flee Car Service LLC
B02420	VS Express Limousine and Car Service Inc.

RENEWALS (9):

B01362	American Base No. 1 Inc.
B01222	Andrea Car Service Inc.
B01424	Eagle Car & Limo. Ltd.
B01386	Fenix Car Service Corp.
B01244	Masada II Car & Limousine Service Inc.
B01363	Myrtle Avenue Car & Limousine Services Corp.
B01463	New Pronto Transportation Inc.
B00906	Olympic Operating Car Service Inc.
B00290	ZPI Corporation D/b/a National High Class

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2):

B02078 Duke Car & Limousine Service
B01088 Paisa 2 Car & Limousine Service Inc.

RENEWAL & RELOCATION(1):

B01722 Bensonhurst Transportation L.L.C. D/b/a A.R.
Express Car Service

OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2):

B01045 Caprice Car Service No.2, Inc.
B00501 Target Transportation Corp.

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

B00314 60th Street Car Service Inc. D/b/a Jay's Car Service
B02043 M & H Car Service Corporation
B02135 Tomby Holding Corp. D/b/a Sen-On Car Service

4. A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 18)
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales 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 passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 19)
6. Item 4 (c), Proposed Amendments to the Rulebook Effective Date, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. No one spoke at the public hearing. Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 19-21)
7. Item 4 (b), Proposed Critical Driver Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. The following people testified at the public hearing: Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxicab Owners ("LOMTO"); Andrew Vollo, NYC Taxi and For-hire Vehicle Driver Institute at La Guardia Community College; Cliff Adler, LOMTO; Ethan Gerber; and Karen Friedman, Association of Motor Vehicle Trial Attorneys. Commissioner Yassky moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 21-42)

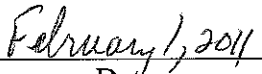
8. Item 4 (b), Proposed Adjudications Rules, was presented to the Commission for public hearing and Commission action. The following people testified at the public hearing: John Moore, representing Councilmember Jessica Lappin; Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; and Ethan Gerber. Commissioner Yassky moved to approve the rules and the motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 42-90)
9. Commissioner Yassky moved to close the public portion of the Commission meeting and convene in executive session to discuss the status of the Taxi of Tomorrow. (Tr. pp. 90-91)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:48 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on
January 20, 2011



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date