NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

December 3, 2015

Present:

Meera Joshi, Commissioner/Chair
Elias Arout, Commissioner
William Aguado, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Jacques Jiha, Commissioner
Nora Marino, Commissioner
Lauvienska Polanco, Commissioner
Christopher Wilson, General Counsel

1. Chairperson Joshi called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. with Commissioners Arout, Aguado, Gonzales, Jiha, Marino, and Polanco present and reported the following:

   • Thanks to Mrittumjoy Saha, a licensed taxi driver, who calmly transported a woman in labor and her partner to an emergency room only to have their baby, Darley Luz, arrive in the back seat of the taxi.

   • The Licensing facility finally moved last month to the Falchi Building in Long Island City. Thanks especially to the Licensing staff who worked hard during the move. In conjunction with the move, TLC is working to make the licensing process more efficient, including moving more of the process online.

2. Item 4 on the Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (October 15, 2015, Commission meeting). The minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Angélique Meola, Supervisor of Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

   NEW (1):
   B02851 Gallant Car Service
RENEWAL (6):
B01265 Caprice C/S Corp
B01437 Merengue Limo & C/S Inc
B01525 Northside Luxury Inc.
B00941 Personal Touch C/S
B02573 Sunset Park Car Service
B00501 Target Transportation Corp.

CHANGE OF LOCATION (3)
B01739 City Car Service Corp/ Dba: Digital Car Service
B02569 Gogreenride Inc.
B01355 NEW HARLEM C/S INC

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, BASE NAME & LOCATION (1)
B01678 G Way Transport Inc./DBA: Getaway Travel

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (1)
B02395 Abatar Inc

4. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications recommended for approval and deny the bases recommended for denial. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Item 6, Street Hail Livery Transfer Rules, was presented for a public hearing and commission action. The rules will: (1) require the removal of the LPEP system and taximeter from an SHL when the SHL license has been revoked, surrendered or not renewed; (2) require that a notification be provided to the LPEP provider at least 30 days prior to the transfer of a SHL license; (3) require that all SHL licensees who seek to transfer their license resolve all summonses, outstanding fines and penalties owed to the TLC; and (4) establish procedures by which an estate may temporarily operate the SHL license of a deceased owner until a qualified applicant is found to purchase the license. Fernando Garcia testified on the rules. General Counsel then called for a vote on the rules, and the rules passed unanimously.

6. Item 7, Leasing Pilot Amendment, was presented for commission action. In October 2015, TLC adopted a resolution to start a taxicab leasing pilot program to test and evaluate increased flexibility in arrangements for leasing taxicabs. Since the resolution passed, licensees have expressed desire for an even more flexible leasing models beyond the fair-splitting or Commission models approved in the resolution. The amendment will, among other things, allow taxicab lessors to propose shift hours and lease caps specific to each lessor and make periodic modifications for their leasing models. General Counsel then called for a vote on the amendment, and the amendment passed unanimously.
7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on January 21, 2016.

Christopher C. Wilson  
General Counsel  

Date  
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