

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**January 19, 2012**

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*  
LaShann DeArcy, *Commissioner*  
Meera Joshi, *General Counsel*

1. A motion was made at 9:18 a.m. to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and possible litigation matters with Chairman Yassky and Commissioners Carone, Gonzalez, Arout, DeArcy, and Gjonaj present for the vote. The motion passed unanimously and the Commission entered into executive session. (Tr. p. 3)
2. The Commission returned from executive session at 10:30 a.m., whereupon Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
  - The TLC's Long Island City facility has been closed since December due a flood on the floor directly above the floor the TLC occupies. Chairman Yassky thanked the TLC staff, licensees, and specifically Conan Freud, Nick Venezia, Jeff Grunfeld, Gary Weiss, and Ray Scanlon for their work in keeping operations functioning after the flood. Within a day and a half, the TLC had a makeshift licensing center running at the TLC's Woodside facility and had moved all hearings to the TLC's Beaver Street location. (Tr. pp. 3-5)
  - Chairman Yassky urged licensees to renew their licenses by mail, though the Woodside facility and Staten Island facility remain open to process licensee transactions. Hearings would continue to be held at the Beaver Street location. Chairman Yassky noted that if licensees had any questions on where to go, they should call 311. (Tr. pp. 5-7)
  - Chairman Yassky announced that Governor Cuomo reached an agreement on the Five Borough Taxi Plan. The bill was signed into law and the Chairman expected the bill to be modified soon to allow for the sale of 2,000 wheelchair accessible medallions. (Tr. pp. 7-8)

- Chairman Yassky announced that for the first time ever there are 50,000 licensed taxi drivers. Chairman Yassky recognized Mr. Mohammed Arief of Brooklyn as the 50,000<sup>th</sup> licensed driver. (Tr. p. 8)
3. Item 4 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (December 15, 2011, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 9)
  4. Item 5 on the agenda, Base Applications for Determination, was presented to the Commission by Christopher Tormey, Director of Applicant Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW (1):**

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La Corona Express Car Service Inc.

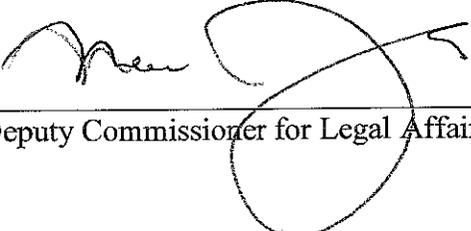
**RELOCATION (1):**

B02080

#1 Mexicaly Car Services Corp.

5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 9)
6. Item 6(a), FHV Stretch Modification Rule, was presented for Commission action. A motion was made to adopt the rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 10)
7. Item 7(a), Taxi Receipt Advertising Rule, was presented for public hearing and Commission action. TLC General Counsel Meera Joshi introduced the rule. The rule would permit specified types of advertising on the back of taxicab receipts. Additionally, the rule requires that all passengers be offered a receipt and adds additional items the receipts are required to contain. A public hearing was held on the rule and the following people testified: Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance (“NYTWA”); Duane Deane, Verifone; Amos Taman, Verifone; Bhairavi Desai, NYTWA; Mohan Singh, NTWA; and Osman Ehowdhury, NYTWA. The proposed rule was tabled to a future commission meeting. (Tr. pp. 10-31)
8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m. (Tr. p. 32)

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on March 1, 2012

  
 Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

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 Date