

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**May 19, 2011**

Present:

David Yassky, *Commissioner/Chair*  
Elias Arout, *Commissioner*  
Frank Carone, *Commissioner*  
Mark Gjonaj, *Commissioner*  
Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*  
Nora Marino, *Commissioner*  
Lauvienska Polanco, *Commissioner*  
Iris Weinshall, *Commissioner*  
Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order and reported on the following:
  - Chairman Yassky announced that the City Council passed Intro 521A which increases the maximum penalties for overcharges and service refusals. In July, the staff will present to the Commission a rule implementing these penalties. (Tr. pp. 1-2)
  - The Chair reported on the Five Borough Taxi Plan. Mayor Bloomberg announced his support for five borough taxi service in January. The TLC is working with all the stakeholders to develop a plan that respects the investment of the existing industry. The TLC hopes to come up with a solution that the State Legislature can approve before they go out of session on June 20. (Tr. p. 3)
  - 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. Two requests for proposals, one for the taxi side and another for the livery side have been issued. Responses are due June 6 and June 13. (Tr. p. 3)
  - Chairman Yassky reported on a proposal to transfer the adjudicative functions of several agencies, including the TLC, to the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (“OATH”). A public hearing on this proposal was recently held. The Mayoral Committee charged with reviewing the proposal has recommended the Mayor approve the proposal, and the Mayor is expected to do so within the next several weeks. The transfer could be effective as soon as July 1. TLC Deputy Commissioner Ray Scanlon has worked with OATH and the City’s

Administrative Justice Coordinator to ensure a smooth transition. There will be little change in the day-to-day experiences of our stakeholders. (Tr. pp. 3-4)

- The Chair reported that the next Commission meeting will be on June 16, at the Bronx Borough Hall, at 851 Grand Concourse in the Bronx. (Tr. p. 4)
  - The Chair reported on several upcoming rules proposals. In June, the Commission will consider revisions to the owner-must-drive rule, fitness and application procedures, lost property rules, and rules on illegal street hails. In July, the Commission will consider proposed rules to replace the emergency rule on interim vehicle specifications. The interim vehicle specifications were developed with the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade as a result of a settlement reached a few weeks ago in the federal litigation. Also on the agenda for July are proposed rules for taxi rooftop advertising. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
  - Chairman Yassky presented departing Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs/General Counsel Charles Fraser with a gift and thanked him for his service to the TLC. Deputy Commissioner Fraser will be General Counsel at the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. (Tr. pp. 6-7)
2. Items 2 on the agenda, adoption of minutes (April 21, 2011 Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 7)
3. Item 3 on the agenda, base applications for determination, was presented to the Commission by Georgia Steele, Assistant Commissioner for Licensing. The following bases were presented for consideration:

**NEW(3):**

B02465	7 Star Car & Limousine Inc. D/b/a Dial 7 Car & Limousine Service
B02450	Jupiter Car Service Corp.
B02456	New Neighbor Car & Limo Services D/b/a Neighbor Car & Limo Service

**RENEWALS (14):**

B01420	A.M.N. Management Inc. D/b/a Always Ready Car Service
B01381	Classic Car Service Corp. D/b/a Paisa Classic
B00225	Delancey Car Service Inc D/b/a Delancey Car Service
B01196	Diplo Rad Disp Inc
B00485	Early Bird Car Service Inc
B01379	J.J.S. Transportation Co. Inc. D/b/a Grant City Car Service
B00337	Kew Gardens Enterprises Inc.
B01268	Lakeview Cars Inc D/b/a Clove Lake Cars
B01534	Metro Car Service Corp D/b/a Metroline Car Service
B01057	New American Car & Limousine Service
B01808	Old Town Cars Corp D/b/a Delta Cars, Inc.

B00171 Shamrock Dispatch Inc D/b/a Kelly's Private Car Service  
B00281 Vee Cee Limousine Service, Inc. D/b/a Nostrand Car Service  
B01642 Victory Car & Limo Service Inc

**RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (2):**

B02279 Matamoros Car Service Inc.  
B01468 Mega Radio Dispatcher Inc.

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

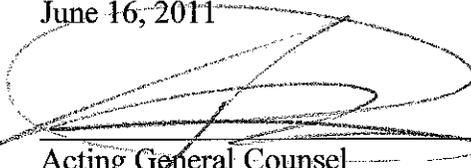
B02269 DDA Luxury Limo. & Car Service, Corp.

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. 7)
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. pp. 7-8)
6. Item 4, Group Ride Staff Presentations, were presented to the Commission by Seth Melnick, TLC Policy Analyst. Presentations were made evaluating the Group Ride Vehicle Pilot, evaluating the Port Authority Bus Terminal Group Ride Pilot, and proposing a US Open Group Ride Pilot. A motion was made to approve a pilot group ride stand at the US Open. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 8-14)
7. Item 5(a) and (b), Proposed Fines Revamp Rule and the Port Authority Bus Terminal Group Ride Rule, were presented to the Commission for a public hearing and Commission action. A public hearing was held and the following people testified: Osman Chowdhury; David Pollack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Bill Lindauer, New York Taxi Workers Alliance; and Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxicab Owners. Commissioner Yassky moved to approve the fines revamp rule and the Port Authority Bus Terminal Group Ride Rule. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. pp. 14-29)
8. Chairman Yassky moved to defer to a future commission meeting consideration of Item 7 (a), Staff Presentation on the Taxi of Tomorrow. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman moved for the Commission to schedule an executive session, at a date to be determined, to discuss contract negotiations regarding the Taxi of Tomorrow. The motion passed unanimously. (Tr. p. 29-30)
9. Chairman Yassky moved to convene in executive session to discuss the Five Borough Taxi Plan. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Yassky gave a presentation on the status of industry negotiations and legislative strategy. No

action was taken, but Commissioners Yassky, Arout, Carone, Gjonaj, Gonzales, Marino, Polanco, and Weinshall were present. (Tr. pp. 2-3)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on  
June 16, 2011



Acting General Counsel

7/19/11  
Date