

NEW YORK CITY
TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Minutes of Commission Meeting

January 10, 2008

Present:

Matthew W. Daus, *Commissioner/Chair*

Elias Arout, *Commissioner*

Edward Gonzales, *Commissioner*

Jeffrey Kay, *Commissioner*

Howard Vargas, *Commissioner*

Charles Fraser, *General Counsel*

1. The Chair called the meeting to order and reported the following:
 - The Chair reported that the TLC has a new supervisor, Ed Skyler, who was recently promoted by Mayor Bloomberg to the position of Deputy Mayor for Operations. (Tr. p. 3)
 - The Chair reported on the recent sales from the medallion auction. So far, eighteen medallions have closed, and there are sixteen additional accessible taxis on the road. The Chair reminded everyone that the final medallion sale, which will involve 87 accessible medallions will be held on or before June 30, 2008. Details on exact dates and times will be announced. (Tr. pp. 3-4)
 - The Chair reported on the taxicab technology service enhancement project. Rollout continues to proceed smoothly, with 62 percent of all taxicabs equipped with the new technology. TLC data still shows an increase in credit card tips; tips average 20 percent. The Chair reported that the compliance deadline for those vehicle owners who had contracts with Taxi Technology is extended to the inspection cycle beginning on or after March 1, 2008. The Chair stated that our data indicates that there was an increase of thirteen percent in credit card usage from November through December. The Chair attributed the increase in credit card usage to remarks made by him at the last Commission meeting concerning refusal by some drivers to accept credit cards and the attention brought to the problem by the media. (Tr. pp. 4-6)
 - The Chair reported that there could potentially be an Amtrak strike at midnight on January 29th. This will be extremely disruptive because Penn Station will be shut down and there will be impacts upon New Jersey Transit and the LIRR. TLC is working closely with the Mayor's Office of Emergency

Management to monitor the situation and get information out to the industry once we see how a strike will impact us. (Tr. pp. 6-8)

- The Chair reported on the Accessible Dispatch program. The Mayor's Office of Contracts is holding a public hearing on the awarding of the contract to Executive Charge, Inc. at this time. If all goes well, the contract will be submitted to the Comptroller for approval and registration. (Tr. p. 9)
 - The Chair reported on the final publication of Roads Forward, a collaborative effort of the TLC and the Design Trust for Public Space. The report is a comprehensive look at the taxi industry and the ways in which it could better serve the public over the next decade. The document was sent to the Commissioners and it is available for download through the TLC's website. The Chair noted that due to the Commissioners' input, the final product became a much better document. The Chair clarified that the TLC has not endorsed all the new ideas that are discussed in Roads Forward. (Tr. pp. 9-11)
 - The Chair reported that clean vehicle and accessible vehicle stickers are to be placed on the appropriate vehicles with the inspection cycle beginning February 1, 2008, and that numerous vendors are available and listed on the TLC website. (Tr. p. 11-12)
 - The Chair reported on the Taxi of Tomorrow project. The Chair thanked Commissioner Kay for taking an active role in the project. The TLC has been meeting on a weekly basis with the goal of creating a "Utopian" taxicab, one that is going to be workable for everybody and accessible to everybody. (Tr. p. 12)
 - The Chair announced that the next two Commission meetings are tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2008 and March 13, 2008. In addition, we will probably hold a separate hearing for the review of the leasing system and leasing caps, as mandated in our rules. (Tr. pp. 13-14)
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to adopt the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vargas, and it was passed 5-0. (Tr. p. 19)
 3. Georgia Steele-Radway, Base Licensing Supervisor, presented the following base station license applications for consideration:

The following bases were recommended for approval:

NEW (1)

Express 11 Car Service, Inc.

B02213

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS (15)

A Ride For All, LLC	B02026
B.A.L. Car Service, Inc.	B01972
Black Sea Car & Limousine Service, Inc.	B01495
Continental Car & Limousine Service, Inc.	B01327
DePaul Car Service	B01641
Evergreen Trans., Inc. d/b/a Skyway	B01593
Jamaica Express Car Service, Inc. d/b/a Sunshine Car Service	B01623
Keykab Service, Inc.	B01435
KLS Transportation, Inc.	B01978
Let It Ride, Inc. d/b/a My Way	B00469
New Cypress Car Service Corp.	B01893
North Shore Car & Limo Corp. d/b/a U.S. One Car Service	B01461
Two Way Black Cars & Radio Group	B01743
U.P.S. Radio Dispatch Corp.	B01651
V.C.H., Inc.	B01629

RENEWAL & OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1)

NY Mex Uno Executive Sedan's, Inc. d/b/a NY Mex Car Service	B01995
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OWNERSHIP CHANGE & NAME CHANGE (1)

S.I. Speed, Inc.	B01537
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The following bases were recommended for denial:

DENIALS (1):

J.T. Trans. Co., Inc. (Tr. pp. 14-16).	B01445
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4. A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas to approve all of the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Arout and it was passed 5-0. (Tr. pp. 15-16).
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to deny the base station license applications that were recommended for denial if they do not comply with requirements within thirty days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vargas and it was passed 5-0. (Tr. p. 16).
6. A public hearing was conducted on the proposed commuter van decal rules. No one testified at the hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Arout to approve the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vargas and passed 5-0. (Tr. pp. 17-18)
7. A public hearing was conducted on the proposed medallion transfer rules. The following individuals testified at the hearing: Roberto Velez, Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings;

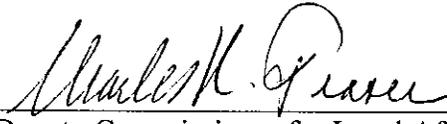
Mel Miller; Ethan Gerber; Joseph Giannetto, representing the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade; Anthony Bianco; and Vincent Sapone, representing the League of Mutual Taxi Owners. (Tr. pp. 18-88)

8. Item 6 on the Agenda, appeal of TLC v. Fazal Wali, was adjourned because the Commission lacked a quorum. The meeting closed. (Tr. p. 89)

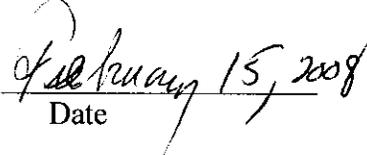
(Tr. p. 105).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:04 a.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on February 14, 2008.



Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel



Date