

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

**Minutes of Commission Meeting**

**April 19, 2012**

Present:

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

1. Chairman Yassky called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. and introduced Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.
2. Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz welcomed the commissioners and members of the public in attendance at the commission meeting to Brooklyn. Borough President Markowitz expressed his desire to make sure transportation options are available in all boroughs.
3. Item 2 on the agenda, Adoption of Minutes (March 22, 2012, Commission meeting), was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Item 3 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:

**RENEWALS (2):**

B02318	Samfort Car Service L.L.C.
B02300	One Cancun Car Service

**OWNERSHIP CHANGE (1):**

B02030	Blue Car & Limo. Inc.
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**OWNERSHIP & NAME CHANGE (1):**

B02034

New Imperial Car Service Inc.  
(previously Peruvian Car Service  
Inc.)

**The following bases are being recommended for denial:**

B02047

La New Express Inc.

5. A motion was made to approve the base station license applications that were recommended for approval. The motion passed unanimously.
6. 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.
7. Item 4(a), Staten Island Inspection Pilot Proposal, External Affairs Analyst Greg Gordon presented slides explaining the proposal. In order to cut down on the costs and time it takes to drive from Staten Island to Woodside, Queens, the Proposal would allow for-hire-vehicles affiliated with Staten Island bases to undergo their TLC inspections at a Staten Island TLC facility instead of at TLC's Woodside facility.
8. Item 5(a), Street Hail Livery Rules, was presented for public hearing and commission action. Chairman Yassky introduced the rules which would create a new class of licenses to allow livery vehicles to accept street hails outside of Manhattan. A public hearing was held and the following people testified: Assembly Member Micah Kellner; Carlos Sanchez, ABC1 Livery Service; Abdul Ahmed, livery driver; Cira Angeles, Livery Base Owners Association ("LBOA"); Vincent Sapone, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Jose Altamarino, LBOA; Erhan Tuncel, medallion owner and driver; Cliff Adler, medallion owner and driver; John Moraida, LBOA; Mark Goldstein, Association of Independent Taxi drivers of New York ("Asotiny"); Steven Schneir, MV-1 of Greater New York; Richard Thaler, OMN Gateway; Ethan Gerber, Greater New York Taxi Association; Rocky Collavo, livery base owner; Bhairavi Desai, New York Taxi Workers Alliance ("NYTWA"); Peter Mazer, Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade ("MTBOT"); Erasma Taveras, City Livery Leasing; Gabriele DeToni, medallion owner; Sandra DeToni, medallion owner; Thomas Grandy, medallion owner and driver; George Panagos, medallion owner and driver; Jorge Rodriguez, medallion owner and driver; Pedro Bedoyo, medallion driver; Alan Platt, medallion owner and driver; and Artie Grover, Fleet Livery Owners Association. The Commission broke for lunch at 12:16 p.m. and returned to the Commission meeting at 1:05 p.m., whereupon the public hearing continued and the following people testified: Guy Palumbo, New York City Fleet Owners Association; James Grosso, New York City Fleet Owners Association; John Mascialino, VeriFone, Inc.; Osman Chowdhury, United Taxi Drivers Association; Malcolm Rattner, medallion fleet owner; Akiva Shapiro, Taxicab Service Association; Surinder Singh, medallion owner and driver; Bachiro Fall, medallion owner and driver; David Poilack, Committee for Taxi Safety; Avik Kabessa, Livery Roundtable; Marcelino Aeruias, medallion owner and driver; Kane Mamadou, livery driver; Fernando Garcia, livery

driver; Richard Chitman, West Point Medallion Sales; Richard Kay, League of Mutual Taxi Owners; Arthur Goldstein, Taxi Service Association; Franklin Wanzi, transportation student and medallion driver; Anthony Focorino, medallion owner; and Michael Simon, medallion minifleet owner.

9. Following the public hearing, each commissioner made comments on the proposed rules prior to the vote. Following the commissioners' remarks, General Counsel Meera Joshi read the publication schedule for the proposed rules and described the amendments to the proposed rules, made pursuant to comments received after publication. Chairman Yassky thanked the TLC staff for their extraordinary work on the proposed rules.
10. Chairman Yassky called for a roll-call vote on Item 5(a), Street Hail Livery Rules. Commissioner Carone voted yes. Commissioner Gonzalez voted yes. Commissioner Gjonaj voted yes. Commissioner D'Arcy voted yes. Commissioner Polanco voted yes. Commissioner Weinshall voted yes. Commissioner Arout voted no. Commissioner Marino voted no. Chairman Yassky voted yes. The Street Hail Livery Rules were adopted by a vote of 7 to 2.
11. Chairman Yassky adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Minutes as approved by the Taxi & Limousine Commission on May 30, 2012

  
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Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs / General Counsel

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