

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION**

Minutes

January 28, 2016

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse. Present were Chairman Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel, Ben Jordan, Curt Wallen and Rhonda Marko (6). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Millie Carman, Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal for TLC decisions.

Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve the previous meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Public Hearing

The chair called for the public hearing to consider applications for taxicab Certificate of Public Convenience and necessity as well as any requests for additional taxicab vehicle permits. Director Fields advised the TLC that NashVegas had made a request for 100 additional taxicab vehicle permits.

The following individual addressed the TLC:

Solomon Tadesfey
Paul Soper
Melinda Grant
Tadessa Essa
Abey Megestra
Jim Burrow
Johnny White

Mehari Woldekadan
Theo Morrison
Ebenezar Mulegetu
Haythem Mohamed
Devan Bhatt
Doug Trimble

The Chair closed the public meeting.

Director Fields read section 6.72.060 for the Metropolitan Code of law which outlined the process for consideration for adding additional taxicabs. Ms. Costonis addressed the issue of reassignment of existing taxicab permits.

Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved that there was not a finding of public need for additional taxicabs.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to hold a public meeting in February to consider reinstating taxicab Rule 3.

Commissioner Jordan with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to continue consideration of NashVegas' request for additional permits until the regular March meeting.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Wreckers And Towing Service

Director Fields presented a request from Smith Wrecker to add Manual Lopez as an owner/partner. Commissioner Marko with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Kevin Brindley appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that the inspectors recommended a review due to the background. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve and restrict to West Nashville Wrecker.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Shannon Carpenter appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that the he failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

John Griffin requested a permit to operate a wrecker, but could not be present and his application was deferred until the February meeting.

Willie Jones requested a permit to operate a wrecker but failed to appear. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to deny.

ACTION; Approved 4-0

Craig Allen Mann appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Jordan moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Wesley Meador appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Commissioner Jordan with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve and restrict to Dad's Towing for one year.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

AJ Limo applied to operate an OPVH company. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved

Booting Services

Joshua Gulden requested a permit to be a booting service employee. Commissioner Marko with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Low Speed Vehicles

Hamid Abdullah requested a permit to operate a wrecker but failed to appear. After some discussion, Commissioner Jordan with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to deny.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Taxicabs

Gobezie Aragaw appeared to request a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that the applicant had been a driver, but failed his drug test and was not allowed to reapply for 90 days. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair