

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes

January 23, 2014

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date at the Metropolitan Courthouse. Present were Chairman Sal Hernandez, Vice Chairman Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel, Rhonda Marko, Pat McNally and Curt Wallen (6). Commissioner Ben Jordan arrived before the end of the public hearing. Present were Metro Legal Adviser Theresa Costonis TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Darlene Turnbo and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal for TLC decisions.

Minutes

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0.

Annual Public Hearing on Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for Taxicabs

The Chair opened the public hearing for consideration of Certificates of Convenience and Necessity as well as additional taxicab permits. He recognized elected officials to speak on behalf of the applicants which included Metropolitan Council members Davette Blalock, Scott Davis, Tony Tenpenny, Ronnie Steine, Burkley Allen, Jacobia Dowell, Duane Dominy, Erica Gilmore and Fabian Bedne as well as State Rep. Harold Love.

The following individuals spoke as representatives for the applicants:

Checker Cab	Brandy Dismang
Green Cab	Tedessa Essa and Melinda Grant
Kwik Cab	Devan Bhatt and Robbie Mann
Magic Taxi	Thomas Maynard, John Hubble and Ditti Eli
NashVegas Cab	Dan Haskell and Mehari Woldekidan
Pink Cab	Jim Burrow and Martin Cooperman
TaxiUSA	Gif Thornton and Michael Solomon
TennCab	Jere Lee
United Taxi	Suldip Singh Mann
Volunteer Taxi	Brian Pieper
Yellow Cab	Doug Trimble

The following individuals spoke:

Emitt Evans	Terry Clements	Mike Kaiser
Ahmed Osman	Daniel Tsegay	Bern Hotte
Mohamed Hassan	Daniel Denku	Ahmed Amukur
Tom Negri	Girmna Kerssie	
Johnny White	Khayer Ahmed	

The chair closed the public hearing. Director Fields explained that the first action the TLC should take is to consider whether or not additional Certificates or permits for taxicabs are needed. If the TLC decides more permits are necessary then the next action would be to determine how many additional vehicle permits were necessary. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Vice Chair Turner, moved that proof was presented that additional Certificates and vehicle permits were needed.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Vice Chair Turner moved, with a second from Commissioner Marko, that the additional permits should be approved and that a minimum of 10 percent of those issues should be ADA wheelchair compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

After some discussion, the TLC took action in the following manner:

Commissioner McNally moved, with a second from Commissioner Marko, that Volunteer Taxi be granted an additional 35 permits with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 5-1 (Total permitted 80 plus 10 percent ADA.)

Commissioner McNally moved, with a second from Commissioner Marko, that TennCab be granted an additional 35 permits with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 70 plus 10 percent ADA.)

Commissioner Marko moved, with a second from Vice Chair Turner, to approve 35 permits each for Magic Taxi, NashVegas Cab and Pink Taxi with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 35 each plus 10 percent ADA)

Vice Chairman Turner moved to approved 80 permits for Taxi USA with 10 percent being ADA compliant. There was no second.

Commissioner Wallen moved, with a second from Commissioner McNally, to approve 65 permits for Taxi USA with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 285 plus 10 percent ADA.)

Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner McNally, moved to approve 25 additional permits for Kwik Cab with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 50 plus 10 percent ADA)

Commissioner McNally, with a second from Commissioner Wallen, moved to approve 40 additional permits for Yellow Cab with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 165 plus 10 percent ADA)

Vice Chair Turner, with a second from Commissioner McNally, moved to approve 20 additional permits for Green Cab with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 55 plus 10 percent ADA)

Vice Chair Turner, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve 20 additional permits for United Taxi with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 5-1. (Total permitted 90 plus 10 percent ADA)

Commissioner McNally moved, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve 25 additional permits for Checker Cab with 10 percent being ADA compliant.

ACTION: Approved 6-0. (Total permitted 130 plus 10 percent ADA)

Executive Secretary's note: The total of permitted vehicles is 1125 (including today's decision) as well as up to 10 percent ADA compliant vehicles per certificate. Each company must have 10 percent of the permits issued today in services as ADA compliant vehicles for wheelchairs. American Music City Taxi did not apply today, but has 95 permitted vehicles plus up to 10 percent of this total ADA Wheelchair compliant vehicles.

Commissioner McNally moved, with a second from Commissioner Turner, to have half of the newly approved taxicabs vehicles must be in service by April 1 and the second half plus all ADA taxicabs must be in service by June 1.

ACTION: Approved 6-0.

Consideration of Current Wrecker Driver Application

The following individuals applied for permits to be wrecker drivers, but were not present. The TLC deferred action until the next meeting:

Patrick Clements
Delbert Michael

Nathaniel Story
Anthony Ramsey

John Waldron

Director Fields explained that Maurice Jennings appeared at the November, 2013 TLC meeting and during the meeting was questioned on whether or not he could pass a drug screen. Mr. Jennings indicated that he was not sure so he was asked to submit a new drug test and appear the next meeting. Director Fields reported that Mr. Jennings was not present, but had been notified. Commissioner Jordon, with a second from Commissioner McNally, moved to deny the application.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Director Fields explained that Walter Johnson appeared at the November, 2013 TLC meeting and during the meeting was questioned on whether or not he could pass a drug screen. Mr. Johnson indicated that he was not sure so he was asked to submit a new drug test and appear at the next meeting. Director Fields said Mr. Johnson was not present, but was notified. Commissioner Jordan, with a second from Vice Chair Tuner, moved to deny.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Delbert Michael (with a representative from AB Collier) appeared requesting a permit to operate a wrecker. Director Fields explained that he had failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioners Marko, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 6-0.

Taxicabs

Khaled Abdugumiza appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally, with a second from Commissioner Marko, moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Mereab Damota appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally, with a second from Commissioner Marko, moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Jonathon Formica appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner Marko, with a second from Commissioner Turner, moved to approve.

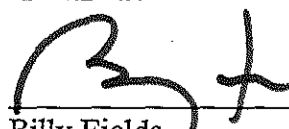
ACTION: Approved 6-0

Son Tong appeared to request a permit to operate a taxicab. Director Fields explained that he failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally, with a second from Commissioner Patel, moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

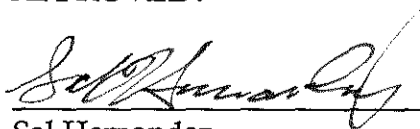
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Billy Fields
Interim Director /Executive Secretary

APPROVED:



Sal Hernandez
Chairman