

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

Minutes

February 23, 2017

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 Vice Chairman Chair Tom Turner and Commissioners Mona Lisa Warren, Curt Wallen and Pat McNally (4). Present were Metro Legal Adviser Theresa Costonis as well as TLC staff members 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 Wallen with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the previous meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Public Hearings

The Vice Chair called the public hearing to order. Director Fields asked that Taxicab Rule 15 be considered first and then read Taxicab Rule 15 into the record. Director Fields explained that Taxicab Rule 15 outlines certain aspects of training/education taxicab drivers are required on an annual basis or to enter as a new driver. The following individuals spoke on the subject: Jim Burrow, Michael Solomon, Doug Trimble, Solomon Tedele, Mehari Woldkadon and Terry Clements. The Vice Chair closed the public hearing at 1:56 p.m. After some discussion, Director Fields was asked to gather information from the Tennessee Foreign language Institute, the provider /manager for the training, which might expedite the classes to allow the drivers to more quickly be able to enter service. Director Fields stated that he would have more information by the March meeting. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to defer any action to the March, 2017 meeting

ACTION: Approved 3-0

The Vice Chair called to order the second public hearing. Director Fields read taxicab Rule 3 into the record and explained that this rule described the number of vehicles taxicabs companies were required to keep in service. The following individual spoke: Jim Burrow, Michael Solomon, Doug Trimble, Solomon Tadile, Mehari WoldeKidana and Adugna Denbel. The Vice Chair closed the public hearing at 2:30 p.m. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to rescind Taxicab Rule 3.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Booting

Seren A. Shouse applied to work as a booting employee, but failed to appear. Commissioner McNally moved with a second from Commissioner Wallen to deny the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Low Speed Vehicles

Matthew Grow applied to be a LSV driver in August 2016, but consideration was deferred. After some discussion, Commissioner McNally moved with a second from Commissioner Wallen to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Taxicabs

Abdullahi S. Hussein applied to be a taxicab driver, but failed to appear at the January, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to deny the application because he was not present.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Ilyas Jama applied to be a taxicab driver. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve and restrict (for six months) to Pink/American Music City Taxi and require Mr. Jama to produce records related to his mental health evaluation.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Alieu Joaque originally applied to be a taxicab driver in October 2016, but the application was denied. The new application was considered by the TLC and Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve the application, but restrict it to Yellow Cab.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Other Passenger Vehicles For Hire

The following companies applied to operate as OPVH companies:

Five Diamond Transportation
Lucky Nash Limo
Nashville Electric Transportation
The Limo Company of Nashville

Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to approve each application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

William A. Burnett Jr. applied to be an OPVH driver. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Rama Y. Mengesha applied to be an OPVH driver. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Eric D. Brooks applied to be a wrecker driver. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve and restrict to Tow Pro for one year.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

George Randalls Casey applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to appear in January as well as February. Commissioner Wallen with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to disapprove the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Thomas C. McIntyre applied to be a wrecker driver. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve and restrict to Tow Pro for six months.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Charles G. White II applied to be a wrecker driver. Commissioners Wallen with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Other Business

Director Fields asked the TLC to consider moving the March meeting due to conflicts with several Commissioners' schedules. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to meet March 30, 2017.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Tom Turner
Vice Chair

Date