

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

**Minutes**

**September 28, 2017**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse. Present were Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Tom Turner, Commissioners Rhonda Marko and Pat McNally (4). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal of TLC decisions.

Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Marko moved approval of the previous meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Public Hearing**

The Chair called for a public hearing to consider the application of Golden Rule Booting whose application was considered and approved at the previous meeting. No one spoke and the hearing was closed. Director Fields asked the TLC to affirm its decision from the previous meeting. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to reaffirm its previous approval.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Taxicabs**

NashVegas Taxi presented its annual report of new board members. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to accept the new board representation.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Green Cab presented its new manager, Michelle Williams. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to accept.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Seyoun T. Gobawe applied to be a taxicab driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Hashim Wachamo applied to be a taxicab driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Wrecker Services**

William E. Favors applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Kiwade Huey-Robinson applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to appear. Vice Chair Turner moved with a second from Commissioner McNally to defer one meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 3-0

Michael W. Propes applied in August and failed to appear then was deferred to the September meeting but was still absent. Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to deny.

ACTION: Denied 3-0

Antione R. Robertson applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve but require monthly drug screens (either by the company or the driver) for a period of one year.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Other Passenger Vehicles For Hire**

The following companies applied to operate as OPVH companies:

- A2B Music City
- Black Label Livery Transportation Service
- Brentwood Limousines

Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Steven J. Priest appeared to request that the companies he operates, Cool Springs Executive Service and Black Diamond Limos, be allowed to merge to become First Choice Transportation Group. Commissioner McNally with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Complaint Review**

American Melody Carriages appeared to respond to a complaint. Director Fields reminded the TLC that at the August meeting, this company appeared to answer questions regarding failure to have insurance as well as allowing an unregistered horse to operate. It was determined that the horse was actually working for another company so Director Fields asked that it be deferred and separated. American Melody Carriages, represented by Richard Tennant and owner Melody Robinson, appeared to respond to the issue of insurance. After some discussion, Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner McNally moved to find that there was a violation of 12.54.100 (insurance requirement) and place American Melody Carriage on probation for 90 days.

Hat Creek with owner Sam Roberts was not present for a hearing on the allegation of allowing an unpermitted horse to work. Vice Chair Turner moved with a second from Commissioner McNally to defer one meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 3-0

Michael Winter, operator of Cruzzin' LSV company, appeared to file complaints against drivers Karla Duplantis and Timothy Schultz. Mr. Winters along with witness Terry Eberstein described the complaint. Both Ms. Duplantis and Mr. Schultz responded to the allegations. Music City Touring operator Kenneth Ross, their current employer, spoke as well. After some discussion, Vice Chair Turner moved with a second from Commissioner McNally that Mr. Schultz was in violation of safety rules as well as customer service rules and be suspended for a period of 90 days.

ACTION: Approved 3-0.

Commissioner McNally moved with a second from Vice Chair Turner to take no action on Ms. Duplantis.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Other Business**

Director Fields reported that United Cab failed to renew its Certificate of Public Conveniences and Necessity by August 31, 2017 as required by the Metropolitans Code fo Law 6.72.035 which means the certificate was forfeited. He stated the ordinance did not allow for an appeal to the TLC.

Director Fields also reported that Yellow Cab did not renew 35 permits which reduces its total to 135 taxicabs. Green Cab surrendered 20 permits to reduce its fleet to 35 taxicabs. Kwik Cab reduced its fleet by 20 leaving 30 taxicabs in operation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Billy Fields  
Director/Executive Secretary

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Sal Hernandez  
Chair

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