

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

**Minutes**

**November 16, 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, Commissioners Mona Lisa Warren, Freddie Carr, Rhonda Marko and Pat McNally (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Tara Ladd, Theresa Costonis as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 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.

Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner McNally moved approval of the previous meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

**Public Hearings**

The Chair opened a public hearing for the consideration of a transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Nashville Transportation LLC Checker Cab to Nashville Taxi Ride LLC dba Checker Cab with Yonathon Mulugeta and Ebenezar Mulugeta as executive officers. No one was present to speak on the issue so the Chair closed the public hearing. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Warren moved approval of the transfer.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The Chair asked if there was a reason to hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for horse drawn carriages or request for additional permits if there were no applications. Legal Adviser Ladd advised the TLC that there was not a reason to hold the hearing so no action was taken.

The Chair moved consideration of a request from Sugar Creek Carriages to the end of the agenda and proceeded.

**Wrecker and Towing Services**

David R. Douglas applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Charles Hinton applied to be a wrecker driver and the application was referred to the TLC by the Director for review. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Amir G. Shamoun applied to be a wrecker driver, but failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

**Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire**

Evelyn J. Paris applied to be an OPVH driver, but failed to fully disclose her background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Amanda W. Morales applied to be an OPVH driver, but failed to fully disclose her background. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

A Star Limo Services requested permission to add Vishal Bedi as an owner. Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner McNally moved approve the request.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Payless Limousine applied to operate an OPVH company. Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

**Horse Drawn Carriages**

Gary Blackburn appeared on behalf of Sugar Creek Carriages to request the TLC reconsider the 180 day suspension placed on the company at the October 2017 meeting. Mr. Blackburn suggested that Johnny Smith, operator of Sugar Creek Carriages, be barred from representing the company on the streets in the downtown area for a period of one year and that the company be allowed to operate. Linda Bengson, representing the Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood association appeared to request the company be allowed to provide service during their annual home tour. The Chair allowed Russell Bassett, the original complainant, to express his opinion on this request. After some discussion, Commissioner McNally with a second from Commission Marko moved to rescind the 180 day suspension of Sugar Creek Carriages for violation of Metropolitan Code of Law (MCL) section 12.54.070 A. 2 and A. 9.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Commissioner McNally with a second from Commission Marko moved to place Sugar Creek Carriages on a one year probationary period, owner Johnny Smith be barred from downtown carriage operations for one year and that Sugar Creek Carriages be held accountable for the actions of all drivers and employees with respect to MCL section 12.54.200 – Conduct of Drivers, specifically section A. 1.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Billy Fields  
Director/Executive Secretary

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Sal Hernandez  
Chair

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Date