

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

**Minutes
March 28, 2019**

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, Freddy Carr and Sue Palmer (4). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Tara Ladd and Theresa Costonis along with TLC staff member Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m., and 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 Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved approval of the previous meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved 3 -0

Public Hearing

The Chair called for a public hearing to consider a request to make changes to the Metropolitan Code of Law (MCL) as well as the Transportation Licensing Commission Rules and Procedures related to the age and mileage limitation for taxicabs.

The following individuals spoke:

Michael Solomon
Jim Burrows
Akrem Hassan
Doug Trimble
Henry Brand

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved to recommend to the Metropolitan Council to increase the age restriction for a taxicab in service to 15 years.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Commissioner Palmer with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to remove references regarding vehicle age and mileage from the TLC Rules and Procedures.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Taxicabs

TaxiUSA, operator of TaxiTaxi, Allied Cab and Nashville Cab and represented by Michael Solomon requested permission to change their business address. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to accept the change.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Booting

Tamara Simms applied to be a booting operator employee, but failed to fully disclose. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Pedal Vehicles

Music City Crawler, represented by Susan Pizzitola, appeared to request a name change as well as permission to operate an addition pedal carriage for a special event on May 3. Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the name change as well as permission to use a single bike for the special event.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

James Henry Glenn filed an application to be a wrecker driver. After some discussion, Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Bewar Said Hussein applied to be a wrecker drive. After some discussion, Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve the application, but restrict the permit to Pro Tow Wrecker Services only.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

The following companies requested to make an address change to their application:

- Admass Limousine
- A Cut Above Limousine LLC
- AJ Limo Service
- Dana Limo
- El Botros Limo Service LLC
- Luxury Ride Nashville Inc.
- Nash 509 Limo Service
- Rapid Transportation

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved to approve the applications.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

The following companies applied to operator as an OPH company:

- 615 Delivery LLC
- Daniel's Black Car
- Heaven on Earth
- My Urbane Transportation Service Corp.
- Zee Limo Service

Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Fawknotson Group dba as City Valet also applied to operate as an OPVH company. Director Fields explained that the company failed to renew on time, and although there were no complaints, had operated without a permit. After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Nashville Electric Transportation LLC requested an Ownership (removing Kyle Reelke) and Address Change.

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Music Limo requested an address change and Ownership Modification (removing Zelalem Fetene and Daniel Denku).

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Nahom's Ride requested a Partnership Addition for Addis Gebrhiwotw. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

At the February TCL meeting, the TLC requested that the Director Fields and Metro Legal review the appropriate laws and regulations related to truthfulness in testimony before boards and commissions.

Tara Ladd, legal adviser for the TLC, reported back regarding whether the Commission had authority to discipline a driver’s permit holder for giving false testimony to the Commission during a hearing. Advisor Ladd reported that the Commission is not authorized pursuant to Chapter 12.54 of the Metropolitan Code to impose disciplinary action for providing false testimony during a hearing to the TLC. Advisor Ladd suggested that the TLC consider making a recommendation to the Metropolitan Council to amend the Metropolitan Code to provide for when an individual provides false testimony to the TLC. whether or not being untruthful to the TLC during a hearing is a violation of any Metropolitan ordinance or rule.

Review Complaints/Disciplinary Issues

Several complaints were reviewed against American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson operator. David Cooper, representing American Melody Carriages and Ms. Robinson, Gary Blackburn, representing Sugar Creek Carriages and its staff and Joshua T. Lewis, representing Nashville Animal Advocacy were present.

Ms. Robinson was sworn in to give testimony. After some discussion, Commissioner Palmer with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to dismiss the complaint regarding Ms. Robinson operating at Daniel Smith Funeral while her certificate to operate was suspended.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

After further discussion, Commission Palmer with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to dismiss the complaints filed against American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson by Kama Zuniga and Nashville Animal Advocacy.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Commissioner Palmer with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to dismiss a complaint filed against American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson filed by Jennifer Snyder/Kama Zuniga.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Commissioner Palmer with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to dismiss a complaint filed against American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson filed by Patsy Benem.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to defer hearing a complaint filed by American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson against Kama Zuniga until the next meeting.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Other Business

Director Fields asked the TLC to consider moving the April meeting from the scheduled day on Thursday, April 25 to Tuesday, April 23 due to logistical issues related to special events in the downtown area including the NFL Draft.

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with as second from Commissioner Warren moved to change the meeting date to April 23.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date