

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

**Minutes
August 26, 2021**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) met for a regular meeting on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the AA Birch Building. Present were Chair Sal Hernandez and Commissioners Carey Rogers, Freddy Carr, Mona Lisa Warren, and Carol Westlake (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order 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 Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Public Hearings

The Chair announced a public hearing for the purposes of consideration of any changes to or applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Low-Speed Vehicles. Director Fields explained there had been no requests for changes to existing Certificate Holders or any additional new company applications.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing, but there are no requests to speak.

The Chair closed the public hearing and no additional action was necessary.

The Chair announced a public hearing for the purposes of consideration of any changes to or applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Pedal Vehicles. Director Fields explained an annual hearing is required for this purpose. The Chair opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke:

Faye DiMassimo
David Leavitt
Eric Hammer
Andrea Arnold
Tom Turner
Jim Schmitz
Victoria Payne
Anne Butterworth
Natashia Gotorff
James Gill
Travis Stowers
Ashley Pereira
Angie and Brian Gleason
Craig Davis
Richard Demonte

The chair closed the public hearing.

Legal Adviser Costonis shared with the TLC of the requirements of MCL 6.74 with respect to a finding for a Pedal Vehicle Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved with a second from Commissioner Warren to disapprove all applications because there was not a finding of Public Convenience and Necessity.

ACTION Approved 4-0

The Chair opened a public hearing for the purposes of consideration of a request for a change to Pedal Vehicle Rule 3 which limits daily operations for all pedal vehicles. Ashley Periera spoke and there were no other speakers so the hearing as closed.

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to make no changes.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The Chair opened a public hearing regarding the fees paid annually and quarterly by taxicab Certificate holders. Director Fields explained the current rule was approved last year and requested that the current fees remain in place. Director Fields offered the following amended rule:

“Each taxicab Certificate Holder shall remit an annual fee of \$45 per taxicab. Of this, \$25 a \$25 fee will be collected annually prior to August 31 of each year. Each quarter, the Certificate Holder shall remit \$5 fee per taxicab.”

There were no speakers, and the hearing was closed.

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to adopt the proposed rule.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Horse Drawn Carriages

Sugar Creek Carriages, represented by Gary Blackburn, was present to ask that the annual hearing for consideration of alterations or applications for Horse Drawn Carriages (scheduled for November 18) be moved to September.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved with a second from Commissioner Westlake to move the 2021 annual meeting for the consideration of application for Horse-Drawn Carriage Certificates Public Convenience and Necessity or for additional carriages to October TLC meeting from November.

ACTION Approved 4-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Gary W. Hill applied to be an OPVH driver and Director Fields asked the TLC to review the application. After some review and discussion, Commissioner Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION Approved 4-0

AAA Pro Limo requested the addition of Maximus Thabet as a partner. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve.

ACTION Approved 4-0

Dasiny Black Cars requested to change their address to 34109 Vestry Avenue, Murfreesboro, TN. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following companies applied to operate as an OPVH:

- Al Omari Transportation
- A-1 Limousine
- DeBlanc Transport
- Jina Transportation
- Statesman Transportation LLC

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following existing companies (whose certificates had expired) reapplied to operate as an OPVH:

- AG Limo
- High Point Enterprise LLC
- Lux Limo LLC
- Newroz Limo Services
- Pro Park DBA Flyaway Airport Parking

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Director Fields announced there would be public hearings in September for reviews for requests of increases in taxicab and wrecker fees.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date