

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

**Minutes
September 23, 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 Historic Davidson County Courthouse. Present were Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Patrick McNally and Commissioners Carey Rogers, 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 Rogers with a second from Commissioner Warren moved approval of the previous meeting minutes:

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Public Hearings

The Chair announced there would be two public hearings today and requested Director Fields to explain them. Director Fields explained the taxicab companies requested a hearing to consider an increase of taxicab fares and emergency wrecker companies requested a hearing to consider increases in the emergency/non-consent towing rates. Director Fields explained that the last taxicab rate increase was in 2003 and the last emergency/non-consent towing rate increase was in 2018.

The Chair opened the hearing for taxicab rates.

Akeem Hassan and Doug Trimble spoke. There was no one else present to speak so the Chair closed the public hearing. After discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve these new rates:

METER RATES

- Meter pull \$5.00
- Miles- \$.25 per .1 mile or \$2.50 per mile
- Time - \$.35 per min or \$21.00 per hour
- \$2.00 per extra passenger

FLAT RATES

- Airport to/from downtown - \$30.00
- Downtown to/from Opryland - \$30.00
- Opryland to/from Airport - \$30.00
- Airport to/from West End - \$35.00
- West End to/from Opryland - \$35.00
- \$2.00 per extra passenger

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The Chair opened the public hearing to consider request to increase emergency/non-consent towing rates. Jim Mitchell of the Emergency Wrecker Association was present to speak. After some discussion, Mr. Mitchell asked permission to return to the commission with additional information and a revised proposal.

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMDs)

Director Fields reported that the SUMD operators, (Bird, Lime and Spin) wanted to present two proposals to the TLC for consideration. Sam Reed, representing the SUMD operators, explained that there was a need to establish a process/matrix for the SUMD fleets to be expanded as well as reduced. He also described a pilot project which would be a partnership with WeGo Public Transit (Metropolitan Transit Authority) to provide first and last mile opportunities for passengers. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved with a second from Vice Chair McNally that the pilot be approved with 150 SUMD devices per operator.

ACTION: Failed 2-2-1

Following additional discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve the pilot with 100 SUMD devices to be used in the pilot areas and for the operators to work closely with Director Fields.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Pedal Vehicles

Morelia L. Cuevas applied to be a pedal vehicle driver but failed to appear. Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to defer action until the October meeting

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Terry W. Moore applied to be a pedal vehicle driver, but Director Fields asked the TLC to review the application. After some discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from commissioner Warren moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire

Dinesh Somaratne applied to be an OPVH driver but failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

A Good Friend Global failed to renew its certificate of public convenience and necessity and was referred to the TLC for review. After some discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Be Luxury Transportation applied to add JDL Investment Group LLC as partner. After some discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following companies applied to operate as an OPVH company:

- A & M Transport 1 Inc
- Beve Boutiques
- Jenny the Guide
- Kings Transportation LLC
- MoJa
- ULE, LLC
- Vera Transportation
- World Rose LLC

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Director Fields presented the TLC its proposed 2022 meeting schedule along with deadline for applications for annual hearings. No action was required.

January 27	Annual Taxicab Hearing Deadline for filing applications is Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 at Noon
February 24	Regular Meeting
March 24	Regular Meeting
April 28	Regular Meeting
May 26	Regular Meeting
June 23	Annual Emergency Wrecker Zone Hearing Deadline for filing applications is Friday, April 29, 2022 at Noon
July 28	Regular Meeting
August 25	Annual LSV & Pedal Vehicle Hearing Deadline for filing applications is Friday, July 1, 2022 at Noon
September 22	Regular Meeting
October 27	Regular Meeting
November 17	Annual Horse-Drawn Carriage Hearing Deadline for filing applications is Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 at Noon
December 8	Regular Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date