

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

**Minutes
January 23, 2020**

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 Courthouse. Present were Vice Chair Pat McNally and Commissioners Carey Rogers, Mona Lisa Warren, Susan Palmer and Freddie Carr (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Tara Ladd along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Vice 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 Carr with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 3-0-1

Public Hearing

Director Fields explained that the TLC is required in the Metropolitan Code of Law (MCL) in section 6.72 to hold an annual public hearing to consider any applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the purposes of operating a taxicab service as well as consider any applications for additional taxicabs from existing Companies. Director Fields explained that one application was made by Blackcar Taxi LLC.

The Vice Chair opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

Marty Cooperman and Jim Burrows representing Blackcar Taxi LLC
Roger Baker
Akrem Hassan
Khalid Woren
Doug Trimble

With no one else asking to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Legal Adviser Costonis explained the considerations which should be made by the TLC as outlined in MCL 6.72.060. Director Fields outlined recent taxicab assignment history as well as shared specific operational numbers within the industry.

After additional discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Warren to find that there was no need proven for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

ACTION: Application disapproved 4-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Director Fields explained that Copeland's Towing failed to renew its license to operate a non-consent towing service on time. In addition, he explained that the company requested permission to relocate its impound lot. Director Fields also explained there was a potential violation for use of an unapproved wrecker. Copeland's was not present, and Director Fields requested the matter be deferred until February.

Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved to defer until February.

ACTION: Deferred until February 4-0

Anthony William Morton applied to be a wrecker driver. After some discussion, Commissioner Warren with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application, restricting Mr. Morton to Dad's Towing/West Nashville Wrecker with a staff review prior to the April TLC meeting.

ACTION: Application with restrictions/conditions approved 3-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH)

The following companies requested permission for name changes:

- BNA Drive change to Nashville Drives
- Black Jaguar change to Black Jaguar LLC and change address to 3409 Cainbrook Xing – Antioch, TN 37013

After discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the requests.

ACTION: Requests approved 3-0

Director Fields stated the following the companies applied to operate as OPVH companies:

- Addis B. Gebrhiwot dba A.G. Limo
- BZ Affordable Limo Service
- Privacy Logistics

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application,

ACTION: Applications approved 3-0

Other Business

Director Fields advised TLC that requests for changes to the Dad's II emergency wrecker zone (previously called Carter's zone) would be on the agenda in February at the request of Dad's/West Nashville Wrecker which operates this zone.

Vice Chair McNally asked the TLC to consider revisions to its meeting schedule for the months of April, May and June. Director Fields will work with the Vice Chair as well as Metro 3 and others to offer suggestions for alternative meeting times for these three months.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields

Director/Executive Secretary

Pat McNally

Vice Chair

Date