

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

**Minutes
February 27, 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 Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Pat McNally, Commissioners Carey Rogers, Mona Lisa Warren, Susan Palmer and Freddie Carr (6). Present were Metro Legal Adviser Tara Ladd along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 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.

The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Palmer moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Director Fields asked the TLC to accept corrections for the August 2019 meeting minutes. The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Carr moved approval of the minute correction.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Public Hearing

Jim Mitchell, operator of Dad's I and II as well as West Nashville Wrecker requested the TLC to dissolve the Dad's II zone into the existing Emergency Wrecker Zones identified as Dad's and West Nashville.

The Chair opened the public hearing. Only Mr. Mitchell spoke on the issue and the public hearing was closed.

Director Fields reported that he had met with the Emergency Communications Center staff and there was no objection. After additional discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from the Vice Chair to approve dissolving the Dad's II change with the dividing line between the zones as Clarksville Highway with all calls on Clarksville Highway being directed to West Nashville Zone.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Disciplinary Issues

MNPD Officer Crisper Augustin appeared to complain/advise to the TLC regarding issues with the response time for Cotton's Emergency Wrecker zone and its operator. Both he and David Williams, representing Cotton's, were sworn to give testimony. James Weaver was present as Cotton's legal adviser. After both parties had provided testimony, Director Fields offered suggestions for resolution. Mr. Weaver stated that the company would meet with MNPD representative from the appropriate precincts.

After some discussion, the Vice Chair, with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to dismiss the complaint while asking both sides to meet and resolve the issue.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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, requested an address change and had operated a wrecker without proper inspections. Mitchell Copeland offered his explanation and apologized for the situation. Director Fields explained to Mr. Copeland the seriousness of the situation and asked for assurances for timely renewal as well as full compliance. After some discussion, the Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Warren moved approve the requests.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Director Fields explained that Lightning Towing failed to renew its license to operate a non-consent towing service on time. Josh Johnson, operator of the company, was present to explain the failure to renew and apologized. Director Fields explained to Mr. Johnson the seriousness of the situation and asked for assurances for timely renewal as well as full compliance. The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve the renewal.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Johnny Ray Clark Jr, applied to be a wrecker driver, but his application was withdrawn.

Steven Lamont Hunter applied to be a wrecker driver and Director Fields referred the application to the TLC for a hearing. After discussion and assurances from Anytime Towing, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Warren moved to approve the application to work at Anytime Towing and require the wrecker company to provide evidence of three successful random alcohol tests during the next six months to the TLC director.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Carlos Barroso applied to be a wrecker driver but failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, Commissioner Palmer with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH)

Robert William Honea applied to be an OPVH driver but failed to fully disclose his background. After some discussion, the Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Director Fields reported that the following OPVH requests were made:

- Diamond Limousine to change address to 504 Southwood Park Place, Nashville, 37217
- Majestic Transportation & Limousine Services to become an LLC and address change for to 6615 Floral Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37138
- Emerald Luxury Transportation to become an LLC
- Mad Dog Transportation LLC change to Mad Dog Transportation Services Inc.

After some discussion, the Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The TLC was asked to review new OPVH applications for:

- ABA Limo
- Ambrose Transportation LLC
- Chizorom Holdings LLC
- Five Star Limo Service
- Mr. Jack LLC
- P & H Transportation
- SELI Limo Service

After some discussion, the Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Other Business

The Vice Chair reminded the TLC that he would be unable to attend several meetings cases he is representing federal court. Director Fields will be working with him the commission to determine if alternative meeting dates are possible.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date