METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Minutes December 12, 2019

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 and Commissioners Carey Rogers, Jessica Powell and Freddie Carr (5). Present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 Rogers with a second from Commissioner Powell moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Public Hearing

Admiral Enforcement II LLC applied to operate a booting service. Director Fields explained that a public hearing was necessary to consider if a booting services license should be issued. The Chair called the public hearing to order, but there were no speakers and the hearing was closed. Christopher Lawson, representing Admiral Enforcement II LLC was present. After his presentation, the TLC asked questions and after some discussion, the Vice Chair moved with a second from Commissioner Carr to approve the application.

ACTION: Application approved 4-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Venson Jones Jr. applied to be a wrecker driver. The application review was deferred from November and Mr. Jones was not present for this hearing. The Vice Chair moved with a second from Commissioner Carr to deny the application.

ACTION: Application denied 4-0

Jackie Johnson Jr. applied to be a wrecker driver. After some discussion, the Chair read a letter from Michael Martin, owner of Martin's Wrecker Service, supporting the application. The Vice Chair moved with a second from Commissioner Carr to approve the application.

ACTION: Application approved 4-0

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH)

Executive Transportation requested permission to change its name to Executive Transportation LLC. After some discussion, the Vice Chair moved with a second from Commissioner Carr to approve the application.

ACTION: Request approved 4-0

EJK Transportation LLC applied to be an OPVH company. After some discussion, Commissioner Powell with a second from the Vice Chair to approve the application,

ACTION: Application approved 4-0

Relax and Ride Transportation applied to be an OPVH company but requested the application be reviewed in January.

Complaints/Disciplinary Hearings

American Melody Carriages/Melody Robinson filed three complaints against Sugar Creek Carriages. Ms. Robinson, in an email on December 11, 2019, to Director Fields as well as to the TLC membership, requested the complaint hearing be deferred until the January meeting.

Gary Blackburn, representing Sugar Creek Carriages, asked that the complaints be dismissed. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved to hear the complaints, but there was no second. The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to hear Mr. Blackburn's argument to dismiss the complaints.

ACTION: Motion was approved 4-0

After Mr. Blackburn completed his argument, the Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to dismiss the complaint from June 23, 2019 regarding an alleged violation of MCL 12.54.200 A-11.

ACTION: Motion to dismiss approved 3-0-1

The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to dismiss the complaint from August 7, 2019 regarding an alleged violation of MCL 12.54 B-23.

ACTION: Motion to deny approve 4-0

The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Powell moved to defer action on a complaint filed on September 9, 2019 regarding alleged violations of sections of 12.54 until the January TLC meeting.

ACTION: Motion to defer approved 4-0

Keith L. Wall filed complaints against taxicab drivers Burhan Addisalam, Wande Adeniyi, Getahun Getu, Gashu Benti and Tesfaye Maraye alleging violations of MCL 6.72.220, 6.72.265 and 6.72.270. Mr. Wall was not present. Drivers Addisaleam and Adeniyi were reported to be out of the Country by Director Fields. The Vice Chair with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to dismiss the complaints for lack of merit.

ACTION: Motion approved 4-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary

Sal Hernandez
Chair

Date