

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

**Minutes**

**April 18, 2024**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) met for its regular meeting on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Justice A.A. Birch Building. Present were Chair Sal Hernandez, Vice Chair Pat McNally, Commissioners Freddie Carr, Michael Hayes, Carey Rogers, Carol Westlake, and Charles Sueing (7). Also present were NDOT Director Diana Alarcon along with NDOT staff Lisa Steelman, Richard Rooker, and T.D. Schlafer. Also present were Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Theresa Costonis.

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.

The Chair opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. Councilmember Emily Benedict, Michael Winters, and Patrick Kludac spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

**Presentation to Billy Fields**

The Commission recognized former TLC Director Billy Fields for his 15 years of service to the Commission. The Chair shared highlights of Mr. Field's accomplishments during his 35-year Metropolitan Government career. Mr. Fields was presented a crystal plaque thanking him for his tireless efforts serving the citizens of Nashville and Davidson County.

Mr. Fields requested a point of personal privilege, which was granted by the Chair. Mr. Fields thanked the Commission and staff for the thought, care, and hard-work they engaged their duties with through the years. Mr. Fields thanked his wife, Donna, for her support and shared her passion to produce over 2,000 pounds of vegetables annually for Meals On Wheels, a project he plans to spend his retirement supporting.

**Booting Services**

The Chair announced the continued review an ordinance amending Chapter 6.81 of Metropolitan Code regarding Booting Services, following the public hearing held in March 2024. Mr. Rooker advised the Commission that Senate Bill 1692/House Bill 1731 was currently working its way through the Tennessee General Assembly and staff recommendation was to defer the item until the May 2024 TLC meeting. Director Alarcon requested the item be deferred until June, given the anticipated length of the May agenda.

Commissioner Westlake with a second from Vice Chair McNally moved to defer consideration on recommendation of the proposed ordinance until the June 2024 meeting.

ACTION:           Deferred           6-0

After a March deferral, Steven Knapp appeared to request reconsideration of the Commission’s actions regarding his complaint against Nashville Booting, LLC in the February 2024 meeting. Mr. Knapp presented his request to the Commission and Metro Legal presented their response.

Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to deny the request to reconsider the sanctions against Nashville Booting, LLC.

ACTION:           Denied           6-0

**Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)**

Mr. Rooker informed the Commission that T.D. Schlafer was present to answer questions about a requested contract assignment for SUMD providers Bird and Spin. Mr. Schlafer explained that after Bird’s acquisition of Spin in September 2023, they subsequently entered bankruptcy proceedings for restructuring in December 2023. The companies exited these proceedings in March 2024 and provided a W9, Certificate of Insurance, Sale Order, and business license documents for the new entities to staff at the request of Metro Procurement. The Commission requested confirmation of financial solvency and instructed staff to ensure required surety bonds were active.

Steven Henry from Jigsaw, representing Bird, was present to answer questions from the Commission.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve the assignment of the contracts from Bird to Blue Jay Transit USFM LLC and Spin to Pheenix USH LLC.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Proposed amendments to the SUMD contract were requested for deferral to May 2024. Per Metro Code 12.62.020.D. the proposed changes will be publicly posted two weeks prior to the May meeting.

Commissioner Westlake with a second from Vice Chair McNally moved to defer.

ACTION:           Deferred           6-0

**Entertainment Transportation (ET)**

Metro Legal discussed the “grandfathering” of existing ET permits resulting from Senate Bill 2898/House Bill 2642. No further action was required.

## Disciplinary Hearings

Devin Majors appeared to present a complaint against Apex Parking Enforcement. Clifford Wharton appeared on behalf of Apex Parking Enforcement. Mr. Majors and Mr. Wharton were placed under oath. After some discussion, Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Carr moved that Apex Parking Enforcement operated without a booting license from June 5, 2023, until January 8, 2024, a violation of Metro Code 6.81.170 F.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Commissioner Carr with a friendly amendment from Commissioner Westlake and a second from Vice Chair McNally offered the following motion:

Apex Parking Enforcement will enter a period of probation indefinitely until the following condition is met: At the May 16, 2024, TLC meeting, provide a list of every customer booted from June 5, 2023, until January 8, 2024, identifying every customer who has been refunded and who remains to be refunded with the intent that all customers booted in this timeframe are refunded.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Vice Chair McNally requested to take an item out of order and called forward Mr. Jasen T. Long. Mr. Long requested deferral of his application review. Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to defer until the June 2024 TLC meeting.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Grant Rosenblatt, Nicholas Lyon, and Michael Winters appeared to present complaints against Old Town Trolley ET operations between 4-6 PM. Additionally, Michael Winters alleged complaints for violations of Metro Code 2.100. Attorney Emily Lamb appeared on behalf of Old Town Trolley and requested deferral due to an untimely response to a public records request for the complaints.

Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved deferral until the June 2024 meeting.

ACTION:           Deferred           6-0

## Consent Items

Anytime Towing and Recovery LLC and Kings Towing applied to operate as general wrecker companies. Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

The following new applications were submitted for Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH):

- Addis Ride ▪ Baroov LLC ▪ Broad-Ways LLC ▪ Branch Group LLC ▪ HC Deluxe Transportation LLC ▪ Joy Limo
- Milenium Transportation Service LLC ▪ Nashville L&D Transportation LLC ▪ Private Driver Inc. ▪ Royal Black Luxury Car Service ▪ Waliya Limo Services

Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Allure Transportation LLC, Blue Nile Limo, Light Shine Transportation, and Mafe Limo Service reapplied as OPVH companies after failure to timely renew. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Mini Vegas Limo requested to add partner Abdalla Abveida. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

The following requests were submitted for OPVH change of address:

- AZ and B Affordable Limo Service to 201 E. Pearson Ct., Hermitage, TN 37076
- BLK LN LLC to 2166 B. Sanborn Dr., Nashville, TN 37210
- Getaway Car to 1002 Division St., #407, Nashville, TN 37203
- Noori Car to 1500 Bell Rd., Apt. 206, Nashville, TN 37211
- TN Limo to 946 Legacy Park Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37211
- Bella Limo Company to 913 Nashboro Blvd., Nashville, TN 37217
- Sana Limo to 497 Elsie Fields Rd., Apt. D6, Nashville, TN 37211

Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Rogers requested an update on the docked bikeshare RFP. Director Alarcon provided an update. Commissioner Rogers inquired whether the Commission would approve the RFP in its final form. Metro Legal confirmed that the previous scooter/dockless bikeshare RFP was handled in this manner.

## Application Reviews

The Chair requested that Metro Nashville Network cease recording during applicant background reviews.

Adam Mercado Ferrer reapplied to be an OPVH driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to deny the application.

ACTION: Denied 6-0

Ronaldo J. Hernandez and Jarvis J. Hicks applied as booting employees but chose to withdraw their applications. Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to deny the applications.

ACTION: Denied 6-0

An application review for Jalen A. Lunsford was called but Mr. Lunsford was not present. Vice Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to deny the application.

ACTION: Denied 6-0

Devin L. Teasley applied to be a pedal carriage driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. After some discussion, Commissioner McNally with a second from Commissioner Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

The Chair left the meeting. The Vice Chair assumed the role of the Chair.

John Cooper-Roberts Jr. applied to be an OPVH driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to adjourn.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Richard Rooker  
Executive Secretary

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Sal Hernandez  
Chair

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Patrick McNally  
Vice Chair

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