

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

Minutes

December 12, 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 Pat McNally, Vice Chair Carol Westlake, Commissioners Carey Rogers, Erica Penley, Annie Klaver, Charles Sueing, and Michael Hayes (7). Also present were NDOT staff members Lisa Steelman, Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, and T.D. Schlafer. Also present were Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Phylinda Ramsey.

In actions at Metro Council, Mayor O’Connell reappointed Chair McNally and Vice Chair Westlake to another two-year term. Freddie Carr was appointed to replace the seat of Keith Pyle. The ninth seat on the Commission remained vacant.

Chair McNally 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. Danny King requested to speak but reserved his time for the Breedlove Transportation application agenda item. Koran Ali requested to speak but was not present in the room when called. There were no further requests to speak.

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Consent Items

Dad’s Towing Service of Springfield, TN and Cisco Towing Service submitted applications to operate as General Wrecker and Towing Service companies.

After some discussion, Commissioner Sueing with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve the applications.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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

- Bambinos Transportation LLC
- Black Car Limo
- Daus Transportation LLC
- J & E Private Drivers
- TN Transportation Service LLC
- Z L VIP LLC

After some discussion, Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Entertainment Transportation (ET) company Big Green Tractor Tours LLC requested to add partner Roxanne Morgan. Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

OPVH company Limitless Limos requested to add partner Michael Gomez. Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Vice Chair Westlake arrived at the meeting.

OPVH

OPVH company Breedlove Transportation submitted a new company application which was deferred at the November meeting. Dane Breedlove was notified by staff via mail to attend a hearing on his application at the December meeting. The Commission requested Danny King to attend the meeting to testify and to provide his evidence against the application's approval in advance. Mr. King provided his evidence to staff on the afternoon of December 11, 2024. Mr. Breedlove's response to Mr. King's submitted evidence was provided to Director Rooker immediately before the meeting began. Despite the late submitted evidence, Mr. Breedlove expressed concern with the lost revenue that would be associated with his application being deferred for another month.

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to defer the application to the January 2025 meeting.

ACTION: Motion Failed 1-5

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Sueing moved to go forward with the hearing on the condition that Mr. Breedlove understood and accepted that the Commission did not have ample time to review all the evidence submitted and in making their decision would rely upon the testimony given by both parties at the meeting.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Mr. Breedlove and Mr. King were placed under oath. Both parties provided their testimony and answered questions from the Commission. After some additional discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the OPVH new company application for Breedlove Transportation.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

The Chair called for a five-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Application Reviews

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

Fredericka Brooks applied to be an ET driver, but staff review of her application revealed a question of the interpretation of law. Ms. Brooks was placed under oath. A company representative from Joyride was present to confirm his intent to hire Ms. Brooks. Metro Legal provided that the relevant section of Metro Code was 6.77.130.

6.77.130 - Fingerprint-based criminal background investigation.

A. All applicants for an entertainment transportation vehicle driver's permit must undergo a fingerprint-based identification and background check. The MTLC staff shall collect background check fees from applicants and schedule them for fingerprinting. A background check report and a copy of the driving record (MVR) of the applicant, if any, shall be attached to the application and forwarded for consideration by the MTLC.

B. Any applicant shall, in addition to any disqualifications listed elsewhere in this chapter, be disqualified if the applicant:

1. Has been convicted, pled guilty, placed on probation or parole, pleaded nolo contendere, or been released from incarceration within a period of five years prior to the date of application for violation of any of the following criminal offenses under the laws of Tennessee, any other state or of the United States:

Homicide, Rape, Aggravated assault, Kidnapping, Robbery, Felony theft, Burglary, Child sexual abuse, Domestic violence, Any sex-related offense, Leaving the scene of an accident, Criminal solicitation, or criminal attempt to commit any of above, Perjury or false swearing in making any statement under oath in connection with the application for a driver's permit, or The felony possession, sale or distribution of narcotic drugs or controlled substances.

2. If, at the time of application, the applicant is charged with any offenses in subsection (1) of this section, consideration of the application shall be deferred until entry of a plea, conviction, acquittal, dismissal, or other final disposition of the charges.

3. Has been convicted of or released from incarceration due to two or more felony offenses within the past seven years.

4. Has been convicted for a period of two years prior to the date of application of the violation of two or more sections of this Code or other ordinances governing the operation of entertainment transportation vehicles.

C. If the applicant fails to disclose any criminal conviction, except traffic citations, on the application for a permit, the application may be referred to the MTLC for consideration.

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

ACTION: Approved 6-0

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

ACTION: Approved 6-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

Pat McNally
Chair

Date