

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

Minutes

October 28, 2003

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (the "Commission") met in regular session on this date at the Metropolitan Nashville General Sessions Judicial Complex in Metro Center. The Commissioners present were Chair Cynthia Odle, Vice-Chair Sammie Woods, Carey Rogers, Holly Sharp and James Utley (5). Also attending were Margaret Darby, Metro Legal as well as Commission staff members Larry Ennis, Walter Lawhorn, Lisa Steelman and Kelvin D. Jones, Interim Director and Executive Secretary to the Commission.

Chair Cynthia Odle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

TAXICAB DISCIPLINARY HEARING

TONY SEMAN, represented by attorney Scott Stall, appeared before the Commission on charges that he failed to disclose prior arrests and/or convictions in his 2003-2004 "Application for Owner's Permit". A search of Mr. Seman's criminal record revealed that Mr. Seman was charged and subsequently convicted of misdemeanor gambling offenses in July of 2003. Mr. Seman's attorney informed the Commission that Mr. Seman had been advised by an attorney that he was not required to disclose the arrest and subsequent conviction on the application.

Recognizing that Mr. Seman had been placed on probation by the Commission in April of 2003 for a period of two years and following lengthy discussion among Commission members, Commissioner Rogers moved, with a second from Commissioner Utley, that Mr. Seman's Owner's Permit be revoked.

ACTION: Passed 3-2

TAXICAB DRIVER ISSUES

GEELE ABOKER, represented by counsel, **MOHAMED ISMAIL** and **AHMED SHEIKH-OSMAN** each appeared before the Commission to request that their 2002-2003 driver permits be extended until November 21, 2003 thus enabling them to attend the required Hospitality Training class and avoiding expiration of their permits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sharp and seconded by Commissioner Woods that the three individuals be given five minutes each to present their requests.

ACTION: Passed 4-0

After discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Rogers that the Commission take no further action on either of the drivers' applications and that the drivers be treated as new applicants.

ACTION: Passed 4-0

WRECKER DRIVER APPLICATIONS

SHANE N. BRANDON had submitted an application to the Commission staff for a Wrecker Driver Permit but failed to appear before the Commission. Commissioner Woods made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sharp, that Mr. Brandon's application be denied for failure to appear.

ACTION: Passed 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER WOODS requested that the Commission authorize the staff to amend the Ordinance and the Rules of the Commission to reflect that “In the event a previously licensed driver fails to satisfactorily complete the required [hospitality] training prior to the expiration of his or her permit, such driver may not apply for renewal of a permit until such time as such driver has successfully completed the required hospitality training”. The Commission concurred unanimously.

CHAIR CYNTHIA ODLE asked Commissioner Woods to report on the status of the Director search. Commissioner Woods informed the Commission that she had met with Sonny Lyons of the Metro Human Resources department and that the Commission’s search committee would meet to discuss the status of the search immediately following today’s Commission meeting.

INTERIM DIRECTOR KELVIN D. JONES provided the Commission with a report detailing his first 60 days with the Commission.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kelvin D. Jones
Interim Director-Executive Secretary

Cynthia Odle
Chair