

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

Minutes

May 22, 2014

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date at the Metropolitan Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Pat McNally, Sam Patel, Curt Wallen and Rhonda Marko (4). Also present were Metro Legal Advisers Theresa Costonis and Rachele Gallimore-Scruggs along with TLC staff members Lisa Steelman, Millie Carmen and Director Billy Fields.

In the absence of the Chair, Commissioner McNally was elected acting chair and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal for TLC decision.

Minutes From Previous TLC Meeting

Commissioner Patel with a second from Commissioner Wallen moved approval of previously TLC meeting minutes with no changes.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

Taxicabs

New Driver Applications

Amro T. Amer appeared to request a permit to drive a taxicab. Director Fields explained that Mr. Amer failed to fully disclose previous charges on his application, but was not precluded from operating a taxicab. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Marko, moved to approve.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

Other Taxicab Business

Green Cab, represented by owners Solomon Bekele and Tadessa Essa as well as Manager Melinda Grant appeared to advise the TLC of its modification of its business plan. Ms. Grant explained that Green Cab planned to introduce flex fuel as well as traditional gasoline fueled vehicles to its fleet. Previously, only "green" (hybrid and alternative fuel) vehicles had been used. However, due financial constraints, Green Cab needed to alter its stated plans. Director Fields advised the TLC that no action was necessary because the original vehicle assignment did not speak to the fuel issue. The Chair reminded them that the use of "green" vehicles was a major part of the original presentation. Green Cab promised to maintain at least 50 percent of its fleet as "green" and pledged to keep working toward higher levels.

OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

New Driver Application

Jeffery Huddleston appeared to request a permit to be an "other vehicle for hire" driver. Director Fields reported that he failed to fully disclose his background, but was eligible to be given a permit. Commissioner Patel, with a second from Commissioner Wallen, moved to approve.

ACTION: Motion approved 3-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Director Fields reminded the TLC that the annual Emergency Wrecker Zone review meeting would be June 12. Music City Towing has made application to operate a zone, but no other modifications had been made at this time.

Chair Hernandez, by email, requested that the TLC consider moving the July meeting to July 15. After some discussion, Commissioner Wallen moved, with a second from Commissioner Patel, to set July 15 as the new meeting day for the month.

ACTION: Motion passed 3-0.

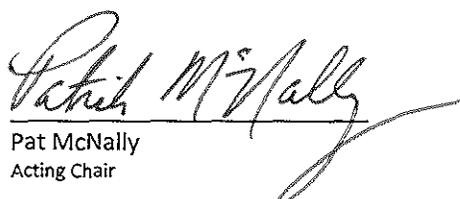
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Billy Fields
Director/Executive Secretary



Pat McNally
Acting Chair