

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

**Minutes**

**March 26, 2015**

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Commission (TLC) met in regular session on this date in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse. Present were Chairman Sal Hernandez, Vice Chairman Tom Turner and Commissioners Sam Patel and Rhonda Marko (4). Present were Metro Legal Adviser Tara Ladd as well as TLC staff members Lisa Steelman and Billy Fields.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal for TLC decisions.

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Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Wrecker and Towing Services**

Director Fields reported to the TLC that Emergency Zone operator Smith Wrecker (Victor Smith) asked to amend their application to include Mrs. Smith as an owner. No action as required.

Dwight L. Mason applied for a permit to operate a wrecker, but was not present. This request was a deferral from the previous meeting. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to deny the application.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Jason R. Small applied for a permit to operate a wrecker, but was not present. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to defer until the April meeting.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire**

Daniel's Limousine Service requested to add Addis Gebrihiwit and Zalaem Fetene as partners. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Director Fields presented Certificate of Convenience and Necessity requests for the following OPVH applicants:

Advanced Transport Service

Midtown Limo

Bob's Limo

Nashville Black Car Transportation

Changing Lane Transportation

Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Booting Services**

Michael W. Holdridge applied for a booting company employee permit, but failed to appear. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to defer until April.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

**Taxicab**

Mark A. Abou-Rham applied for a taxicab operator permit, but failed to appear. Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to defer until April.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Mehari T. Fasil appeared with Green Cab Manager Melinda Grant to request a taxicab operator permit. Director Fields explained that Mr. Fasil failed to fully disclose his background. Commissioner Patel with a second from Vice Chair Turner moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

#### Horse and Carriages

Director Fields reminded the TLC that Nathan M. Redfearin appeared at the February meeting to request a carriage driver permit. Since Mr. Redfearin was very likely the subject of a complaint filed by Sugar Creek Carriage drivers against Hat Creek Carriages for allowing a person to operate a carriage without a permit, the TLC deferred action on the request until the complaint against Hat Creek Carriages could be considered at the March TLC meeting. The Chair called the complainants, represented by Attorney Gary Blackburn, to explain each of the complaints. Attorney Ben Rayburn, representing Hat Creek Carriages, defended against the complaints. Director Fields explained that the TLC could, if the complaint was sustained, place the company on probation, suspend or revoke the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. After some discussion, Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to find Hat Creek Carriages in violation of Horse and Carriage Rule 6.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to immediately suspend Hat Creek Carriage from operating for 30 days and place the company on probation for one year until March 26, 2016.

ACTION: Approved 3-0

Commissioner Marko with a second from Commissioner Patel moved to approve Mr. Redfearin application to operate a horse drawn carriage effective in 30 days on April 26, 2015.

ACTION: Approved

Director Fields presented applications from Cumberland Carriage (request for 2 carriages downtown), Hat Creek Carriages (1) and Sugar Creek Carriage (1) for additional carriage permits to operate in the downtown area. Director Fields explained that Keith Carriage, Capital Carriage and Southern Elegance did not renew their certificate which means there were three fewer carriages operating. The Traffic and Parking Commission's Diane Marshall was present to explain there are four carriage stands: First Avenue (3-4 carriage spaces); north side of Broadway (2-3), south side of Broadway (1-2) and Commerce Street (1). Director Fields explained that the "rule of thumb" for operations is to allow no more than double the number of carriages for the number of carriage stand space. After some discussion, Vice Chair Turner with a second from Commissioner Marko moved to approve two additional downtown operating permits for Cumberland Carriage.

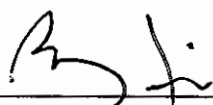
ACTION: Approved 3-0

After some discussion, Commissioner Marko moved with a second from Commissioner Patel to grant one downtown carriage operating permit each to Hat Creek Carriages and Sugar Creek Carriages.

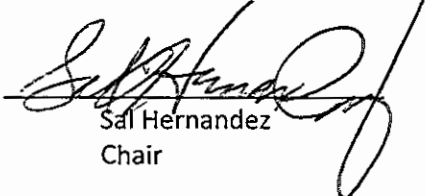
ACTION: Approved 3-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Billy Fields  
Director/Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Sal Hernandez  
Chair