

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

Minutes

February 20, 2025

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, Michael Hayes, Freddie Carr, Charles Sueing, and Wm. Alan Slone (8). Also present were NDOT staff members Diana Alarcon, Lisa Steelman, Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Phylinda Ramsey.

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 welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Wm. Alan Slone and welcomed back returning Commissioner Freddie Carr.

The Chair opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. Michael Winters, Grant Rosenblatt, and Jeanette Barker spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

Commissioner Carr with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved 7-0

Consent Items

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

▪ Zoheisa LLC ▪ Miami DiscPlay LLC ▪ Freedom Limo Service LLC ▪ Southern Transportation Solutions LLC
▪ MPS Transportation LLC ▪ High Sky Luxury Limousine Service LLC ▪ Gudino Transportation LLC ▪ Black Horse Black LLC ▪ Luxury Forever LLC ▪ Magnolia Car Services LLC ▪ DJ Smooth Entertainment dba Grand Rides ▪ Legacy Rides ▪ Nathan Limo ▪ Music City Sedan ▪ MGM Elite LLC

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

ACTION: Approved 7-0

Towing Auto Park LLC applied to operate as a General Wrecker and Towing Services company. After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 7-0

Pedal Carriage company Music City Crawler requested to change address from 400 Davidson Street to 801 Rep. John Lewis Way South. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 7-0

Entertainment Transportation (ET)

Director Rooker announced a reminder that the deadline for all ET applications is Monday, March 3, 2025, at noon and ET driver permits expire Monday, March 31, 2025.

An agenda item was called for B&T Transportation dba Party Bus Music City to add partner Turner Cress. Director Rooker indicated there was a request for deferral by the parties' attorney. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Hayes moved to defer the agenda item until the March meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 7-0

The Chair called a Public Hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to TLC Rules and Procedures Section 805(f).

Proposed Section 805(f) SAFETY To enhance safety and encourage traffic flow, entertainment transportation vehicles must travel in a manner consistent with the flow of traffic and may not operate on or between the northernmost boundary of Union Street and the southernmost boundary of Korean Veterans Boulevard, and on or between 1st Avenue and the westernmost boundary of 8th Avenue, during the rush hour period between 4:00-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During this time period, ETVs may only operate on routes or zones outside of that area, that are approved by the Director of the TLC and NDOT's Chief Engineer.

Any entertainment transportation vehicle operator seeking to operate during the prohibited hours of 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays must first obtain a traffic study performed by an engineer who is licensed in the state of Tennessee with experience in performing such studies. The engineer and/or engineering firm and the methodology to be used in the traffic study must be pre-approved by NDOT's Chief Engineer. The traffic study must demonstrate that the relevant entertainment transportation vehicle(s) travels at the speed limit or maintains speed to keep up with the flow of traffic, with passengers on board, during normal operations for which it is presently permitted. If the traffic study does not demonstrate that the relevant entertainment vehicle(s) travels at the speed limit or maintains speed to keep up with the flow of traffic, then the operator's request to operate during the prohibited hours shall be denied

Director Alarcon spoke in favor of the proposed rule amendment. Sam Reed, representing Old Town Trolley, also spoke in favor. Michael Winters, Grant Rosenblatt, and Jeanette Barker spoke against the proposed rule amendment. Andrew Saweres requested assistance with potholes and was directed to hubNashville. Those who spoke provided testimony and documentation and responded to questions from the Commission. With no further requests to speak, the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

The Chair called for a ten-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

After some additional discussion, Commissioner Rogers moved to defer consideration of the proposed rule amendment. The motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to deny the language of the proposed rule amendment in Section 805(f) as written.

ACTION: Denied 6-1

The Commission requested staff to provide additional information on the average cost of the required traffic study, the proposed methodology, and a list of known engineering firms qualified to perform the required traffic studies. The Commission also requested information regarding the route approved for Old Town Trolley.

Other Business

Commissioner Rogers requested a Public Hearing on the March agenda regarding promulgation of a new rule requiring staff to publish future proposed rule changes with a two-week public notice.

Commissioner Sueing left the meeting.

Application Reviews

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

The Chair placed the driver applicants under oath.

Michael P. Geise applied to be an ET driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. A company representative from Old Town Trolley was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Geise. After some discussion, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 6-0

Commissioner Hayes left the meeting.

Dal Za Tuang applied to be an OPVH driver and to create new company DZT & DK LLC but failed to fully disclose information on the applications. After some discussion, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the applications.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Andrew Saweres applied to be a taxicab driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Michael D. Weldon applied to be an ET driver but failed to fully disclose information on the application. Company representatives from The Nashville Tractor were present to confirm their intent to hire Mr. Weldon. After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

Pat McNally
Chair

Date