

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

Minutes

April 17, 2025

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (MTLC) 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, Annie Klaver, Michael Hayes, and Erica Penley (6). 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.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair 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 MTLC decisions.

The Vice Chair opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. Jeanette Barker spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Consent Items

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

- Blue Blue LLC ▪ Eliteride LLC ▪ Sunshine Black Limo ▪ Wingman Transport LLC ▪ Mahabad Int'l ▪ Birhat Transportation ▪ J.C. Travel Executive LLC ▪ FND ▪ AJ Luxury Transportation LLC ▪ Black Cars Nash
- Executive and Private Travels LLC ▪ Lewis Drivers

After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following OPVH existing company reapplications were submitted after a failure to timely renew by the March 31st deadline:

- Williams Prestige Transport LLC ▪ JROD Transportation LLC ▪ Fly 13 Black Limo Service ▪ Affordable Nashville Limousine ▪ Upscale Journeys ▪ Deph Transportation Services ▪ 3 Guys in Bowties

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

D and D Towing applied to operate as a General Wrecker and Towing Services company. After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Hayes moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following OPVH company requests to change address were submitted for approval:

- Amad Limo from 3432 Bruner Ct. to 4933 Alexis Dr.
- Shine Transport from 660 Bell Rd. to 5307 Abbottswood Dr.
- Nashville Vegas Limousine LLC from 510 Gay St., Unit 1102 to 510 Gay St., Unit 407

- Maxtor GG from 1524 Holden Ct. to 101 Ash Ct.

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The Commission took a five-minute break while Metro Nashville Network (MNN) corrected an audio issue with the livestream reported by those watching the meeting remotely.

The Vice Chair called the meeting back to order.

OPVH company Maxtor GG submitted a request to change their name to Maxtor GG LLC. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

OPVH company HC Deluxe Transportation LLC requested to add partners Ana Delgado Rivera and Carlos Enrique Perez Mejias. Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

Director Rooker provided a reminder that the deadline for Emergency Wrecker Service Zone applications is Monday, May 5, 2025, at noon.

Entertainment Transportation (ET)

The Vice Chair opened the Annual Hearing for the purpose of consideration of applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. There were no requests to speak. The Vice Chair closed the Annual Hearing.

The Commission deliberated the number of ET vehicles required to meet the Public Convenience and Necessity as required by Metro Code 6.77.030 and MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 801 C.

6.77.030 - Findings—Issuance of certificate, renewal or additional permits.

A. The MTLC must make a prerequisite finding as to what number of entertainment transportation vehicle service providers and vehicles are required by the public convenience and necessity, in the metropolitan government area, before it may issue any new certificates of public convenience and necessity, renew any previously issued expiring certificates, or add any additional permitted vehicles to an existing certificate-holder's permitted fleet. Further, the MTLC must find that an applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide such service and to conform to the provisions of this chapter and the rules promulgated by the MTLC, before the MTLC may issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to a particular applicant. The certificate shall state the name and address of the applicant, the number of vehicles authorized upon such certificate and the date of issuance.

B. In making the above findings, the MTLC shall, at a minimum, take into consideration the number of entertainment transportation vehicles already in operation, whether existing service is adequate to meet the public need, or so great as to be exceeding the public need and unnecessarily adding to traffic congestion; the character, experience, financial condition and responsibility of the applicant, and such criteria as may be adopted by the MTLC in its rules.

MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 801 C

In making the finding for the award of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the MTLC shall, at a minimum, take into consideration:

- 1) The number of ETV already in operation.
- 2) Adequacy of existing service to meet the public need.

- 3) The applicant's experience in the operation of an ETC and its vehicles.
- 4) The applicant's history of violations and/or citations of alcohol laws, noise violations, HUB Nashville complaints, and other non-compliant behavior.
- 5) The ability of the applicant to comply with the laws and regulations, including the equipment and service proposed to be furnished.
- 6) The applicant's financial responsibility and condition.
- 7) Safety of the public in the operational area.
- 8) The probable effect of increased service on local traffic conditions.
- 9) Traffic flow.
- 10) Compliance with existing noise ordinances.

Vice Chair Westlake reminded the Commission that at the ET Annual Meeting in May 2024, the optimal number of ET vehicles was unanimously set between 35-70. The Commission acknowledged that TCA 7-51-1008 prohibits a governmental entity from refusing to renew or revoking an ET permit except for good cause shown in an administrative hearing or after six months of dormancy.

Director Rooker shared that since the prior year's approval of 91 permits (41 ET, 50 SS), Nashville Bar Bus had surrendered one ET permit and Grooveline Party Bus did not apply to renew, resulting in 89 permits remaining (39 ET, 50 SS).

The Commission requested information on the recommendations of the Connect Downtown study. Mr. Schlafer quoted from the report, "The analysis showed that ETVs contribute to about 80 seconds of delay for each vehicle in the entertainment district. As the number of ETVs increases, the amount of delay increases as well. Connect Downtown recommends that the Transportation Licensing Commission consider reducing the number of ETV permits for Downtown Nashville. Given the impact of ETVs on traffic operations, our analysis shows that approximately 40 permits would have a less significant impact on traffic congestion."

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to set 40 as the optimal number of ETV permits based upon the Public Convenience and Necessity given the traffic congestion information provided by the Connect Downtown study, with the understanding that new information in the future could cause that number to change.

ACTION: Approved 3-0-1 (Commissioner Rogers abstained)

Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the renewal applications for the following existing companies requesting no change to their current permits:

- Cloud Rides LLC dba Big Drag Bus (2 ET permits)
- Flanagan Tours LLC dba Xperience Nashville (1 SS permit)
- RLCL Acquisition LLC dba Gray Line Tennessee (9 SS permits)
- Music City Party Fire Engine LLC (1 ET permit)
- NashTrash Tours Inc (1 SS permit)
- Barefoot Entertainment LLC dba Nashville Party Barge (2 ET permits)
- Old Town Trolley Tours of Nashville (18 SS permits)
- B&T Transportation dba Party Bus Music City (2 ET permits)
- AJay's Enterprise LLC dba Party Central Nashville (1 ET permit)
- Rowdy Bus (2 ET permits)

- Nomadic Genius LLC dba Tasty Tour (1 ET permit)
- Music City Rollin Jamboree (1 SS permit)
- Tan Assets LLC dba The Nashville Tractor (3 ET permits)
- TN Transport Holdings LLC dba Cruzzin Nashville (4 SS permits)
- Upstage Party Bus (2 ET permits)

Commissioner Hayes amended his motion to include Honky Tonk Party Express (12 ET permits, 5 SS permits). Commissioner Penley seconded the amendment.

On the Amendment:

ACTION: Approved 4-0

On the Amended Motion:

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the renewal application for B&T Transportation dba Party Bus Music City (2 ET permits) pending the outcome of their disciplinary hearing scheduled for May 15, 2025.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Chair McNally arrived. Vice Chair Westlake continued to chair the meeting.

Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the renewal application for Hell On Wheels (2 ET permits, 1 SS permit).

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Hayes moved to approve the renewal of the existing permits for the following companies that had requested a change to their current permits:

- Big Green Tractor Tours LLC dba Nashville Tennessee Tours (1 ET permit)
- Extreme Experience LLC (1 ET permit, 1 SS permit)
- Grey Lion LLC (2 ET permits, 1 SS permit)
- Nashville Ultimate Party Bus LLC (1 ET permit, 2 SS permits)
- Party 'N Ride Nashville LLC (1 ET permit)
- The Redneck Comedy Tour LLC (2 SS permits)
- TN Transport Service LLC dba Joyride (2 ET permits, 4 SS permits)
- YeeHaw Party Bus (1 ET permit)

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to deny expansion and other changes requested from the companies in the previous motion.

ACTION: Denied 5-0

Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Hayes moved that given the earlier motion setting 40 as the optimal number of ETV permits, the Commission must deny the applications from the following new companies:

- Get to Know Nashville LLC (No permits) – Requesting 1 SS

- Music City Mafia LLC (No permits) – Requesting 1 ET
- Nashville Bronco Tours (No permits) – Requesting 1 SS
- Nashville Mural Tours LLC (No permits) – Requesting 1 SS

ACTION: Denied 5-0

Other Business

Commissioner Klaver requested that staff provide a monthly report of citations issued by NDOT Enforcement through the Environmental Court and Traffic Violations Bureau.

Commissioner Rogers left the meeting.

The Commission took a five-minute break.

The Vice Chair called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Chair McNally moved to set April 30, 2025, as the deadline for payment of ET vehicle and certificate fees.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Application Reviews

The Vice Chair requested that MNN cease recording during the applicant background reviews.

The Vice Chair called an application review for ET driver Larry G. Steele Jr. but Lisa Steelman reported that Mr. Steele was unable to attend due to a doctor's appointment. Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to defer the review of Mr. Steele's application until the May meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 4-0

Saed Shahin applied for a taxicab driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A representative of Yellow Cab was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to defer the review of Mr. Shahin's application until the May meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 4-0

Ismael T. Habib applied for a taxicab driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A representative of Yellow Cab was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to defer the review of Mr. Habib's application until the May meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 4-0

Paul D. Anthony Jr. applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A representative of Z Trip was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Anthony. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Chair McNally moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Jonas M. Davis applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A representative of 7 Star Limousine was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Davis. Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Anthony Crues applied for an OPVH driver and new company permit for Crues Car Service LLC but failed to disclose background information on the application. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the applications.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Yeison Uribe Escudero applied for an OPVH driver and new company permit for E.B.O. Nashville Transportation LLC. Mr. Escudero was not present when his application review was called. Commissioner Klaver with a second from Chair McNally moved to defer the review of Mr. Escudero's applications until the May meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 4-0

After some additional discussion, Chair McNally with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to adjourn.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

Carol Westlake
Vice Chair

Date