

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

**Minutes**

**June 12, 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, Michael Hayes, Erica Penley, Juan Mera, and Ann Butterworth (7). Also present were NDOT staff members Brad Freeze, Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber, Phylinda Ramsey, and Ann Mikkelsen.

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 Chair arrived at the meeting.

The Chair opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. Angie Gleason, Jon Coonce, and Nina Burghard spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

The Chair welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Juan Mera and Ann Butterworth.

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

ACTION:            Approved            5-0-1    (Commissioner Butterworth abstained)

**Consent Items**

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

▪ Aaron’s Elite Transportation LLC ▪ Ahadu Transportation ▪ Bell’s Black Car Service dba BBCS Inc ▪ Chimart General ▪ Dadwagons LLC ▪ Davinity Investments LLC ▪ Eirene Luxora Services ▪ Farmy Limousine Service LLC ▪ Flood Limo ▪ Get to Know Nashville ▪ Hermon PLLC ▪ Music Man Livery Service ▪ Nasih NB ▪ Prestige Voyage Inc ▪ Rahimi LLC

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

OPVH existing company Nash 1 Transportation reapplied after a failure to renew timely by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. After some discussion, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

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

- Nash 509 Limo Services LLC to 714 Watts Circle
- Preferred Ride LLC to 4015 Aspen Grove Dr., 4061
- Zack Limo to 600 S. Riverbend Ct.

Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

The following OPVH company requests to modify ownership were submitted for approval:

- Orchid Luxury Transportation to add partner Dawran Mohammadi
- Royal Limousine LLC to add partner Dalya Mahmoud
- Yaz Luxury Transportation to add partner Emad Abdelrahman

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

Yak Towing & Recovery LLC submitted an application to operate as a general wrecker and towing services company. Commissioner Hayes with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

**Emergency Wrecker Service**

The Annual Hearing was called for Emergency Wrecker Service Zones. The current assignments were as follows: AB Collier Wrecker, Bailey’s Wrecker, Chapman’s Wrecker, Cotton’s Roadmaster, Dad’s Towing, Donelson Wrecker, Martin’s Wrecker, Mike’s Custom Towing, Smith’s Wrecker Service, Tommy’s Wrecker Service, Tow Pro, and West Nashville Wrecker.

There was an emergency zone wrecker application submitted by STR Towing & Recovery LLC.

The Chair opened the Annual Hearing. Captain James Williams, Jonathan Massie, David Williams, Michael Martin, Jim Mitchell, Scotty Crockett, and Jon Coonce spoke. With no further requests to speak, the Chair closed the Annual Hearing.

As of June 4, 2025, DEC reported 7,536 police-initiated tows were performed by the emergency zone wreckers. In 2024, 18,316 emergency zone tows were reported.

After some discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to defer action until July, pending an opinion from Metro Legal. The motion was withdrawn.

Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to defer action on the emergency zone wrecker assignments until July, pending further action from Metro Legal.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to amend the former motion to include a formal written legal opinion to be posted on the MTLC website prior to the meeting. Metro Legal requested to consult internally prior to committing to publicly posting an opinion. Commissioner Penley withdrew her second to the motion. The motion failed.

Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to defer the application of STR Towing & Recovery LLC until July.

ACTION:            Deferred            6-0

**Disciplinary Hearings**

A disciplinary hearing was called to review taxicab driver Emad Eskandar for alleged violations of Metro Code 6.72.430 C&F. Mr. Eskandar’s arrest warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence, and open container violation was presented to the Commission. Director Rooker reported that Mr. Eskandar’s attorney Adam Dread reached out prior to the meeting to request Mr. Eskandar to remain indefinitely suspended until the resolution of his legal case in the fall.

After some discussion, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to indefinitely suspend taxicab driver Emad Eskandar.

ACTION:            Suspended            6-0

A disciplinary hearing was called to review Entertainment Transportation (ET) company Cloud Rides, LLC dba Big Drag Bus for alleged violations of MTLC Rules and Procedures 806 A, 807 B, and 812. Director Rooker requested a one-month deferral.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to defer the disciplinary hearing until July.

ACTION:           Deferred           6-0

**Public Hearings**

The Chair opened a public hearing regarding the newly proposed MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 606. There were no requests to speak. The Chair closed the public hearing.

Section 606 VEHICLE OPERATIONS

No low-speed vehicle may conduct normal operations within a one city block boundary of a school, daycare center, healthcare facility, or place of worship. Operations will be silent, and passengers cautioned on behavior when routes to/from loading zones require passage inside the boundary of a school, daycare center, healthcare facility, or place of worship. Additionally, when low-speed vehicles are operating beneath the Music City Center on 6th Avenue between Demonbreun and Korean Veterans Boulevard, or beside the Country Music Hall of Fame on Demonbreun, Rep. John Lewis Way South, and 4th Avenue South to Korean Veterans Boulevard, operations will be silent, and passengers cautioned on behavior.

The Chair opened a public hearing regarding the newly proposed MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 704. There were no requests to speak. The Chair closed the public hearing.

Section 704 VEHICLE OPERATIONS

No pedal vehicle may conduct normal operations within a one city block boundary of a school, daycare center, healthcare facility, or place of worship. Operations will be silent, and passengers cautioned on behavior when routes to/from loading zones require passage inside the boundary of a school, daycare center, healthcare facility, or place of worship. Additionally, when pedal vehicles are operating beneath the Music City Center on 6th Avenue between Demonbreun and Korean Veterans Boulevard, or beside the Country Music Hall of Fame on Demonbreun, Rep. John Lewis Way South, and 4th Avenue South to Korean Veterans Boulevard, operations will be silent, and passengers cautioned on behavior.

The Chair requested that the “Summary of Amplified Music Monitoring Program” presented by the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in the May meeting be added to the minutes as part of the record.

After some discussion, Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 606 as presented.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

After some discussion, Commissioner Hayes with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 704 as presented.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

**Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)**

Mr. Schlafer requested approval of the docked bikeshare mobility systems RFQ 396471. The RFQ went public on May 16, 2025, and was set to close on June 12, 2025.

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve.

ACTION:           Approved           6-0

Lilli Krauss, Senior Manager of Government Relations with Lime, was present to discuss the Lime Glider, a new vehicle that Lime had an interest in introducing to the Nashville market. Lime previously introduced the vehicle in Seattle, Austin, and Zurich. A Lime Glider was present in the room for the meeting and Mrs. Krauss answered questions from the Commission.

Other Business

NDOT Deputy Director Brad Freeze presented an update on the comprehensive fee study.

Application Reviews

Upon request of the Chair, Metro Nashville Network ceased recording during applicant background reviews.

Marcus Covington applied for a wrecker driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. David Williams, a representative of Tow Pro, was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Covington. After some discussion, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

Dae’Shawn Thomas applied for a wrecker driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. David Williams, a representative of Tow Pro, was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Thomas. After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

Terrance Smith applied for an ET driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. David Mayhood, a representative of Cruzzin’, was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Smith. After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

With no further business, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Hayes moved to adjourn.

ACTION:            Approved            6-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Richard Rooker  
Executive Secretary

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Pat McNally  
Chair

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Carol Westlake  
Vice Chair

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