

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

Minutes

July 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, Erica Penley, Annie Klaver, and Ann Butterworth (6). Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, Timika Smith, Nathaniel Nave, Aleksander Hartman, Aaron Cushman, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Phylinda Ramsey.

The 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 opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. Ash Pereira, James Weaver, Joshua Lee, Emily Lamb, and Erin Coleman spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

Prior to the meeting, a revised copy of the draft June minutes with amendments proposed by Commissioner Butterworth was circulated to the Commissioners. Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved approval of the minutes from the June meeting.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Consent Items

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

▪ Assiya Transportation ▪ Big Green Tractor Tours LLC ▪ Black Limo of Nashville PLLC ▪ Blackline Transportation LLC ▪ Compassion Care Solution LLC ▪ DJ Transport ▪ Elite Black Transportation LLC ▪ Haven Black LLC ▪ Jesus is Love Deluxe Transportation LLC ▪ Kaya Excluride ▪ LM Transportation ▪ Luxury One, LLC ▪ Meet in The Middle LLC ▪ Royalty Lux Transportation LLC ▪ Wubnesh Terefe ▪ Nashville Executive Transportation ▪ Portergt LLC

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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

▪ Ana & Ava Limo to 1100 Walden Trace Ste 171B
▪ Eleven Eleven Logistic LLC to 3144 Old Franklin Rd Apt 15109
▪ Pum Rideshare LLC to 107 Osprey Ct

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

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

▪ JLA Luxury Ride LLC to add partner Jose Javier Cubillan Mediana
▪ Maxtor GG LLC to add partner Manuel Galue
▪ SP Luxury LLC to add partner Sunen Perez

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

White Stars Transporation LLC applied to operate as a general wrecker and towing services company. Director Rooker noted that the apparent misspelling of “transportation” was not in error. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Smith’s Wrecker Services LLC submitted a change of address request to relocate their offices to 1003 Buchanan Street, Suite B. Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Emergency Wrecker Service

The Emergency Wrecker Service Zone Annual Hearing was held in June. 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.

Metro Legal advised the Commission that they recommended Director Rooker and Mr. Schlafer engage an investigation with the assistance of legal counsel into the alleged acquisition of Dad’s/West Nashville by Guardian Fleet Services.

After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to keep the zones as established for another year, except for the zones assigned to Dad’s/West Nashville. The Dad’s/West Nashville zones were contingently approved pending the result of an investigation to determine if there was a violation of Metro Code or MTLC Rules in the alleged acquisition by Guardian Fleet Services. The Commission further found that no information was presented to warrant a current change in status.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to indefinitely defer the application of STR Towing & Recovery LLC pending the investigation of Dad’s/West Nashville.

ACTION: Deferred 5-0

Disciplinary Hearings

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 D, and 812. The hearing was previously deferred at the June meeting.

Metro Legal requested a one-month deferral to continue negotiating a proposed resolution.

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to defer the hearing to August.

ACTION: Deferred 5-0

A disciplinary hearing was called to review taxicab driver Mohsen F. Masoud for alleged violations of Metro Code 6.72.250 A. Mr. Masoud was sworn in to give testimony, as well as Doug Trimble of Yellow Cab and NDOT Compliance Officers Nathaniel Nave and Alexsander Hartman.

After some discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to find a violation of Metro Code 6.72.250 A occurred based upon an affidavit presented from passenger Lorreen Green and evidence and testimony presented in the hearing.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved that based upon the evidence presented in the disciplinary hearing supporting a violation of Metro Code 6.72.250 A, the Commission should suspend taxicab driver Mohsen F. Masoud for 30 days. The Commission further imposed probationary conditions that Mr. Masoud verbally agreed to, including \$90 restitution to passenger Lorreen Green, an apology letter to Lorreen Green, and to additionally serve 90 days of probation.

Commissioner Rogers offered an amendment to also require the completion of an anger management course by the August 2025 MTLC meeting. Commissioner Klaver accepted the amendment and Commissioner Rogers seconded the amended motion.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

A disciplinary hearing was called to review pedicab driver Jake B. Stewart for alleged violations of Metro Code 6.75.210 and 6.75.280. NDOT Compliance Officer Timika Smith and Attorney Erin Coleman were present to give testimony.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to end Mr. Stewart’s emergency suspension and indefinitely defer the disciplinary hearing until the conclusion of criminal proceedings against Mr. Stewart.

ACTION: Deferred 5-0

The Chair called for a 5-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH)

Prospective OPVH company Nashville Bronco submitted an age waiver request to operate a 1975 Ford Bronco. Per Metro Code 6.74.230, except for a classic, vintage, or unique passenger vehicle for hire, no vehicle to be operated as a passenger vehicle for hire shall be more than fifteen years old. Nashville Bronco owner Eric Baty was present with his attorney Jamie Hollin to answer questions from the Commission. The Commission reminded the applicant that only prearranged point to point transportation was permitted under the OPVH category and any live narration, sightseeing, or touring must occur in the ET category.

After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to find the vehicle was classic and to grant the waiver request and approve the company application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

The Chair opened a public hearing regarding an amendment to the rates for emergency wrecker services directed by law enforcement and non-consent in MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 326. James Weaver and Michael Martin spoke. With no further requests to speak, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Director Rooker explained that due to a state law change in TCA 55-31-207, the MTLC was compelled to adjust the car storage fee to the maximum fee approved by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Lieutenant Wayne Jackson of the Tennessee Highway Patrol provided a current storage rate sheet that was shared with the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to automatically adjust the MTLC storage fee to the maximum fee approved by the Tennessee Highway Patrol in TCA 55-31-207.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Director Rooker shared that the application for non-consent towing by Affordable Towing was requested withdrawn by the applicant.

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)

Mr. Schlafer reported that NDOT and Metro Procurement had completed their evaluation of the proposals submitted for RFQ 396471 Docked Bikeshare Mobility Systems. On July 9, 2025, a Notice of Intent to Award was issued to Bicycle Transit Systems (BTS), formerly known as B-Cycle. The notice was issued contingent upon approval of the Commission and successful contract negotiations. The Commission was provided with documentation relevant to the evaluation committee's selection in the agenda packet prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the Intent to Award to BTS.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The Chair opened a public hearing regarding an amendment MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 903 A. Lilli Krauss spoke. With no further requests to speak, the Chair closed the public hearing.

Section 903 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A. To be eligible for a permit, the following standards must be met:

1. All bicycles used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under Title 16, Chapter II, Subchapter C, Part 1512 – Regulations for Bicycles and ISO 43.150 – Cycles, subsection 4210. All bicycles shall meet the requirements for lights during hours of darkness described in Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-8- 177. This includes a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector.
2. All electric bicycles used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set forth for bicycles, including a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector, and shall meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration definition of lowspeed electric bicycle. Each electric bicycle must have fully operable pedals, two (2) or three (3) wheels, any of which is twenty inches (20") or more in diameter, an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and a top motor-powered speed of less than 20 miles per hour when operated by a rider weighing 170 pounds. An electric bicycle must meet the standards set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 3. If it is determined that any battery or motor on an electric bicycle is unsafe for public use, the Metropolitan Government reserves the right to terminate the permit issued.
3. All electric scooters used by operators issued a permit under this chapter shall meet the standards set for the for electric bicycles, including a front light that emits white light and a rear red reflector, except an electric scooter need not have fully operable pedals nor wheels of twenty inches (20") or more in diameter. An electric scooter shall have a foot board for the user to stand upon or a seat. Each scooter shall have a top motor-powered speed of less than 15 miles per hour when operated by a rider weighing 170 pounds. If it is determined that any battery or motor on a scooter is unsafe for public use, the Metropolitan Government reserves the right to terminate the permit issued.
4. The MTLC is authorized to adopt safety standards to address other types of UMD's, including but not limited to (non-electric) types of powered UMD's, if it chooses to allow them.

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve MTLC Rules and Procedures Section 903 A as presented.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Lilli Krauss, Senior Manager of Government Relations with Lime, presented a request for a 50-scooter fleet increase. The Commission was presented with statistics showing Lime's scooter utilization of 2.77 rides per scooter per day in May and 2.67 rides per day in June, qualifying them to request a fleet increase per MTLC Rules and Procedures 913.

After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to deny the requested fleet increase, citing the expansion as inconsistent with recommendations of the Connect Downtown study.

ACTION: Denied 4-1 (Commissioner Rogers dissenting)

Other Business

Aaron Cushman, ITS Division Manager at NDOT, gave a presentation on the MTLC’s transition to online permitting platform OpenGov and answered questions from the Commission.

Application Reviews

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

Jeremy M. Jackson applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. Jamall Reffeggee, a representative of Reffeggee Enterprise LLC, was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Jackson. After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

With no further business, Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to adjourn.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

Pat McNally
Chair

Date