

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

Minutes

October 23, 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 Commissioners Carey Rogers, Erica Penley, Annie Klaver, Michael Hayes, Juan Mera, and Ann Butterworth (6). Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, Leigh Ann Dickerson, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber, Ann Mikkelsen, and Phylinda Ramsey.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Commissioner Hayes 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.

Commissioner Penley arrived.

Acting Chair Hayes opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. At the June 22, 2023, MTLC meeting, a motion was approved to allow up to eight individuals to speak for up to two minutes each. Michael Winters spoke. There were no further requests to speak.

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Items For Deferral

Director Rooker reported that Metro Council was currently considering a fee study report on second reading in BL 2025-1063 and that staff would await the outcome before taking back up taxicab-related rules which were deferred at the previous month's meeting.

Director Rooker reported that all parties recommended deferral until December on the Emergency Wrecker and Towing Services items appearing on the agenda.

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to defer review of the investigation of Dad's Towing Service/West Nashville Wrecker Service and to defer the new zone application from STR Towing & Recovery LLC until December.

ACTION: Deferred 5-0

Consent Items

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

▪ Nashville 24 LLC ▪ Aziza Royal Suburban ▪ JM Executive Transport LLC ▪ Verazcu LLC ▪ Nashville Dive Bar Shuttle LLC ▪ Totely ▪ RideOn Black ▪ Nasib Luxury Limo

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Kirolos Nayrouz reapplied as an OPVH company after failure to renew timely. Director Rooker explained that the reapplication was treated as a new applicant. Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to approve.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

OPVH company Ricky Duke requested to change address to 4000 Hillsboro Pk., Apt. 1309.

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

OPVH company Laveen Industry requested to change their name to Laveen Transportation LLC.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0-1 (Commissioner Butterworth abstained)

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

- Orchid Luxury Transportation to add partner Sher Mohammad Soroush
- Maral Company LLC to add partner Felix Junior De La Rosa Beloni

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

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to remove the OPVH and Entertainment Transportation (ET) requests to modify ownership from the consent agenda.

ACTION: Removed 5-0

Metro Legal provided the relevant Metro Code sections for the Commission's decision.

6.74.080 - Transfers—Fee.

A. No certificate may be sold, assigned, mortgaged or otherwise transferred, nor may there be any modification of ownership as to stock transfer, new or additional partners, etc., by a holder of a certificate without the consent of the MTLC, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. An application for a transfer shall be filed with the MTLC director upon the payment of a nonrefundable fee in an amount to be established by the MTLC based upon the cost of processing the application and of the administration and enforcement of this part.

B. Upon the filing of an application to transfer a certificate, the MTLC shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the application.

C. If the applicant meets the requirements for a certificate, the application may be approved.

6.77.020 - Required and term.

A. No entertainment transportation vehicle shall be used or operated on a for hire basis by any person in the territorial jurisdiction of the metropolitan government without an owner or operator having first obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Each certificate shall be valid for one year and shall be subject to renewal pursuant to the provisions set forth in this article. Applications will be reviewed and considered at an annual meeting on a date set by the MTLC.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to transport or offer to transport passengers in any entertainment transportation vehicle which does not have affixed to the entertainment transportation vehicle a valid permit issued through the MTLC.

C. No certificate issued pursuant to this chapter may be assigned, transferred, sold, or given from one person or entity to another without the express written approval of the MTLC upon the filing of an application for such a transfer. For the purposes of this chapter, a transfer includes a change in control of the certificate holder.

D. The MTLC shall track all certificates, and after the renewal period, if the certificate has not been renewed it shall be determined to be void.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the OPVH requests to modify ownership. After some additional discussion, the question was called by Commissioner Penley and seconded by Commissioner Klaver.

On the Question:

ACTION: Approved 5-0

On the Motion:

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Nicholas Lyon, sole owner of Hell On Wheels, was present to request to add partner Michael Winters. Mr. Lyon and Mr. Winters provided testimony and answered questions from the Commission.

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the request to add Michael Winters as a partner to Hell On Wheels.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)

Mr. Schlafer reported that Jimmy Gilman and Jermaine Knight from Spin were present to discuss technological advances in the SUMD industry to address sidewalk riding, parking, and rider behavior. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Knight answered questions from the Commission.

Other Business

Director Rooker presented the proposed 2026 MTLC meeting calendar.

2026 Meeting Schedule & Filing Deadlines

Howard Office Building

Sonny West Conference Center

700 President Ronald Reagan Way

Nashville, TN 37210

NOTE: All meetings (unless otherwise announced) will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in the Sonny West Conference Center at the Howard Office Building at 1:00 p.m.

January 20 - Annual Taxicab Hearing

Deadline for filing applications is **Friday, December 5, 2025, at noon**

February 17 - Regular Meeting

March 17 - Regular Meeting

April 21 - Annual Entertainment Transportation and Seated Sightseeing Hearings

Deadline for filing applications is **Friday, March 6, 2026, at noon**

May 19 - Regular Meeting

June 16 - Annual Emergency Wrecker Zone Hearing

Deadline for filing applications is **Friday, May 1, 2026, at noon**

July 21 - Regular Meeting

August 18 - Annual Low Speed Vehicle and Pedal Vehicle Hearings

Deadline for filing applications is **Friday, July 3, 2026, at noon**

September 15 - Regular Meeting

October 20 - Regular Meeting

November 17 - Annual Horse-Drawn Carriage Hearing

Deadline for filing applications is **Friday, October 2, 2026, at noon**

December 15 - Regular Meeting

Application Review

Upon request of Acting Chair Hayes, Metro Nashville Network ceased recording during the applicant background review.

Robert Charles Pizzitola applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. Nashville Dive Bar Shuttle LLC owner Susan Pizzitola was present to confirm her intent to hire Mr. Pizzitola. After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Penley inquired about a recent incident regarding a pedicab driver discharging a firearm, resulting in death. Director Rooker indicated that the investigation is continuing, and detectives are in close contact with the District Attorney's Office concerning charging decisions. MTLC staff are awaiting further information in the case and will update the Commission accordingly.

With no further business, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to adjourn.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

Michael Hayes
Acting Chair

Date