

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

Minutes

March 17, 2026

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (MTLC) met for its regular meeting on this date in the Sonny West Conference Center of the Howard Office Building. Present were Chair Pat McNally, Vice Chair Carol Westlake, Commissioners Carey Rogers, Freddie Carr, Ann Butterworth, and Manaen Hall (6). Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisor 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 MTLC decisions.

The Chair welcomed newly elected Commissioner Manaen Hall, who introduced himself to the Commission.

The Chair opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. At the June 22, 2023, MTLC meeting, a motion was approved to allow up to 8 (eight) individuals to speak for up to 2 (two) minutes each. There were no requests to speak.

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval of minutes from the January meeting.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved approval of minutes from the February meeting.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Items For Deferral

Director Rooker reported there were no items for deferral.

Consent Items

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

- Able & Ready Transportation Inc –1 Permit ▪ Elvan Motors Group –1 Permit ▪ Four M LLC –1 Permit
- Gesnel Luxury LLC –1 Permit ▪ JC Private Transportation –1 Permit ▪ Joy Transportation –1 Permit
- Mymalut LLC –1 Permit ▪ Ontime Nashville LLC –1 Permit ▪ Marvelous Transportation & Logistics LLC –1 Permit
- MC Executive Transportation LLC –1 Permit ▪ Ousmane Transportation –1 Permit ▪ Prestige Black Transportations LLC 1 Permit ▪ TPL Hospitality Group Inc –1 Permit ▪ UV Luxury Transportation LLC –1 Permit
- VR Transportation LLC –1 Permit ▪ Apex Executive Transport LLC –1 Permit ▪ Saywan’s Limo – 1 Permit

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The following requests were submitted for OPVH change of name:

- Sunny Transportation & Limo Services to Class Motors Services Inc ▪ Rising Star Limo to WOYO LLC
- Ana & Ava Limo to Aran Limo ▪ Totely to Totely LLC

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

OPVH company Haven Black LLC requested to modify ownership by adding Richard Vadnais, President and Erika Lauren Mastroddi, CFO. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The following requests were submitted for OPVH change of address:

▪ Haven Black LLC to 712 Sills Ct ▪ Nashville Dive Bar Shuttle to 1343 Lewis St ▪ Aran Limo to 8065 Marchwood Blvd

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted requests.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The following requests were submitted for Entertainment Transportation (ET) change of address:

▪ Barefoot Entertainment LLC dba Nashville Party Barge to 1343 Lewis St ▪ Nashville Ultimate Party Bus LLC to 1343 Lewis St

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted requests.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The following requests were submitted for ET modification of ownership:

▪ Nomadic Genius LLC dba Tasty Tour adding Michael Winters and Mark Peterson ▪ Big Green Tractor Tours LLC removing Roxanne Morgan and Joe Bryant ▪ Flanagan Tours LLC dba Xperience Nashville removing Jason Flanagan

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted requests.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Wrecker and Towing Services company Donelson Wrecker Service requested to modify ownership by adding Michael Blake Shelton. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Wrecker and Towing Services company Donelson Wrecker Service requested a name change to Donelson Wrecker Service LLC. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Taxicabs

A disciplinary hearing was called regarding a complaint by Mr. Dwayne Brown against Volunteer Taxi driver Solomon Bitew alleging violations of Metro Code 6.72.250.A., 6.72.265.A., and 6.72.270.B.

Mr. Bitew was sworn in before providing testimony regarding the complaint. A representative of Volunteer Taxi joined Mr. Bitew later in the hearing. An affidavit of Mr. Brown, who was not present, was entered into the record. Mr. Bitew acknowledged that he was provided with a copy of the affidavit and other evidence via mail and email prior to the hearing.

I, Dwayne Brown, being duly sworn, hereby state the following to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. I am an adult resident of New York, New York residing at 521 FDR Drive, Apartment 7D, New York, NY 10002. I am submitting this affidavit in support of hubNashville Request #01978401 for review by the Transportation Licensing Commission.

2. On October 2, 2025, I was a passenger in a taxicab along with three coworkers in Nashville, Tennessee.
3. We were picked up at Raising Cane's restaurant on Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee and transported to 928 North 6th Street, Nashville, Tennessee.
4. The taxicab was an orange Toyota Sienna minivan bearing Tennessee license plate number 0P0020/H1-9000 (as best as could be observed).
5. During the trip, the taxicab meter was not running at any time. When questioned about the fare, the driver stated the trip was subject to a flat rate of \$35, despite no such rate being posted inside the vehicle.
6. My coworkers and I questioned the flat rate and the absence of a running meter. The driver became defensive and irritated when questioned and did not provide any posted fare information.
7. The distance between the pickup and drop-off location is approximately three miles, and based on Nashville's published taxicab rates, the fare should have been significantly less than \$35.
8. Upon arrival, I requested a receipt so that I could address the issue through proper channels. The driver provided a handwritten receipt listing a different cab company name ("NashVegas Cab"), which did not match the vehicle or company operating the taxicab.
9. The following day, I contacted the cab company listed on the receipt. I was informed that the driver and vehicle were not affiliated with that company, and that the receipt was not legitimate. Based on my description and video evidence, they indicated the vehicle belonged to Volunteer Cab Service.
10. I subsequently contacted the owner/representative of Volunteer Cab Service, who identified himself as Bill, to report the incident. I have text message communications with Bill documenting our discussions regarding the incident.
11. During initial communications, Bill stated that the matter would be handled internally and that the driver's permit would not be renewed. He also suggested that the driver meet with me to provide a refund, which I declined, as I did not feel comfortable interacting with the driver again following the incident.
12. When I later requested written clarification regarding how the driver would be disciplined or how the matter would be formally addressed, Bill stopped responding to my messages.
13. I reported the incident through hubNashville and cooperated fully with Transportation Licensing staff providing video footage, photographs of the vehicle and license plate, images of the front and back of the receipt, and screenshots of text message communications with the company owner.
14. The video evidence clearly shows the driver's face and the interior of the vehicle. When paused, an identification card appears visible on the dashboard, although it is difficult to read clearly.
15. Due to the short submission deadline for the January Transportation Licensing Commission meeting, I am submitting this affidavit at this time. Additional affidavits from other passengers who were present during the incident may be provided at a later date if requested, as they independently witnessed the same events described above.
16. I am submitting this affidavit not solely regarding the fare overcharge, but due to concerns about driver conduct, misrepresentation of company affiliation, operation without a running meter, issuance of a false receipt, and public protection for visitors and residents of Nashville.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dwayne Brown, December 30, 2025

After some discussion, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to find that Mr. Bitew violated Metro Code 6.72.250.A.

6.72.250 - Rate schedule.

A. No owner or driver of a taxicab shall charge a greater sum for the use of a taxicab than the rates set below: 1. The metropolitan transportation licensing commission may establish by rule maximum and minimum rates, authorize flat fares and minimum meter actuation rates. 2. The metropolitan transportation licensing commission may establish by rule an additional charge for waiting time. Waiting time shall be charged only for stops or delays caused or requested by the passenger(s) and shall not apply to stops or delays due to any other cause.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

After some additional discussion, Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to find that Mr. Bitew violated Metro Code 6.72.270.B.

6.72.270 - Payment of fare and receipts.

B. The driver of any taxicab shall, upon request by the passenger, provide a receipt for the amount charged, either by a mechanically printed receipt or by a specifically prepared receipt, on which shall be the name of the taxicab company, taxicab number and driver name, the amount of meter reading or charges, the points of trip origin and final destination, and the date of transaction.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to impose a one-week suspension with credit for time served and to place Mr. Bitew on six months’ probation.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

The Chair called for a five-minute break.

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

An agenda item was called to consider a rule change that was first proposed at the September 2025 MTLC meeting. A public hearing was held and decision deferred.

The Chair reopened the public hearing. Abdirizak Diriye, Tenn Cab Chairman, spoke. There were no further requests to speak. The Chair closed the public hearing.

Section 238 EXTERIOR METER FARE AND FLAT RATE DISPLAY

In addition to the requirement in Metro Code 6.72.250.B. to conspicuously display rate schedules in the rear compartment or interior of the vehicle in such a position that it can be read easily by the occupants of the vehicle, each taxicab operating without a smart taximeter must also affix the approved meter fares and flat rates on at least two exterior doors or windows of the vehicle. All taxicabs operating without smart taximeters as defined in BL 2025-812 must comply with exterior display requirements by July 1, 2026.

After some discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the proposed language.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)

T.D. Schlafer provided the Commission with an update on the dockless SUMD RFQ and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Application Reviews

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

Derrick Joyner applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A company representative from 3 Guys in Bowties was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Joyner. Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Timothy Cobble applied for an ET driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A company representative from TN Transport Service dba Joyride was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Cobble. Vice Chair Westlake with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Aaron Rowel applied for an ET driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. A company representative from Upstage Party Bus was present to confirm his intent to hire Mr. Rowel. Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Vice Chair Westlake moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 5-0

Heleny Garcia-Lugo applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. Ms. Garcia-Lugo was not present in the room when called upon. Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to defer the application until the April meeting.

ACTION: Deferred 5-0

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

ACTION: Approved 5-0

ATTEST:

Richard Rooker

Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Pat McNally

Chair

Date