

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

Minutes

May 19, 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 Vice Chair Carol Westlake, Commissioners Annie Klaver, Erica Penley, Ann Butterworth, and Manaen Hall (5). Absent were Chair Pat McNally, Commissioners Freddie Carr, Juan Mera, and Carey Rogers (4). Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, Ava Prater, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Ann Mikkelsen.

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Westlake 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. 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. Frenyer Paredes Ramirez was present to speak regarding his application review but deferred his time to the agenda item. There were no further requests to speak.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

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):

- Mendall Medical Inc – 2 Permits
- Melala LLC – 1 Permit
- JSEC Enterprises LLC dba TRYPLUX – 1 Permit
- Black Diamond Car Service – 1 Permit
- Nash It Up LLC – 2 Permits
- St. Clair Elite LLC – 1 Permit
- Glide Rides LLC – 1 Permit
- Martin Car Service LLC – 1 Permit
- DrivingNash LLC – 1 Permit
- Obsidian Luxe Rides LLC – 1 Permit
- Transportation Edgardo LLC– 1 Permit
- Vortex Executive Chauffeur LLC – 1 Permit
- Top Driver LLC – 1 Permit
- Imperial Star Limousine LLC – 1 Permit
- GMC & Associates Inc – 1 Permit
- Strack Chauffeured Transportation Inc – 1 Permit
- Riansa LLC – 1 Permit
- Velora Transportation LLC –1 Permit
- Nashville Five Star Transportation LLC – 1 Permit

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the submitted applications.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following existing companies failed to timely submit an OPVH renewal application by the March 31st deadline and reapplied as a new company:

- Rem Premium Travels LLC – 1 Permit
- Flyaway Airport Parking – 6 Permits
- Swaro Limo Service – 1 Permit
- Abyssinia Limo LLC – 1 Permit
- Limo Queen LLC – 1 Permit
- Black Car Limo – 1 Permit
- Happy Ride LLC – 1 Permit
- Black Horse Black – 1 Permit

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted applications.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following request was submitted for an OPVH modification of ownership:

- Flyaway Airport Parking Adding David Schmid

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following request was submitted for an OPVH change of name:

- Alexander's Limo to Alexander's Limo LLC

Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the submitted request.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following requests were submitted for OPVH change of address:

- Amen Transportation to 7707 Ellen Dr ▪ High Point Enterprise LLC to 121 Teelia Dr

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following request was submitted for a Pedicab change of name:

- Local Bike Taxi LLC to Local Bike Taxi LLC dba Nashville Bike Taxi

Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to approve the submitted request.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

The following request was submitted for a Pedicab change of address:

- Local Bike Taxi LLC to 1301 Boscobel St

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the submitted request.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Disciplinary Hearing

A disciplinary hearing was called regarding a complaint by Ms. Renee Lysne against Yellow Cab Metro Inc driver Mohsen F. Masoud alleging violations of Metro Code of Law (MCL) § 6.72.250 A and MCL § 6.72.430 B&F.

Mr. Masoud was sworn in before providing testimony regarding the complaint. Doug Trimble, representative of Yellow Cab, was present and gave testimony during the hearing. An affidavit of Ms. Lysne, who was not present, was provided to the Commission. Mr. Masoud was provided with a copy of the affidavit and other evidence via mail and email prior to the hearing.

The within named person, Renee Lysne, who is a resident of Story County, State of Iowa, personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, and makes this her statement, testimony, and General Affidavit under oath or affirmation, in good faith, and under penalty of perjury, of sincere belief and personal knowledge that the following matters, facts, and things set forth are true and correct, to the best of her knowledge:

I am writing to formally report an incident involving a taxi driver on April 18, 2026. At approximately 10:15 PM, two friends and I took a cab from the Grand Ole Opry to our hotel. During the trip, the driver was extremely reckless, cutting front of other vehicles and driving in the wrong lane against traffic. We were deeply frightened for our safety.

Upon arrival at the hotel, the driver requested a fee of \$95.00. I asked to see the meter, but it was not turned on. Despite this, he insisted on the payment. While my friends paid the fare, the driver became hostile when he saw me attempting to take a photograph of his license. He grabbed the money and yelled at us to exit the vehicle. As I told him I would be reporting the incident, he drove away from the hotel with both van doors still open to prevent me from capturing his license plate number. I am reporting this due to the driver’s dangerous behavior and unprofessional conduct. Please let me know if you require any further information to investigate this matter.

Renee Lysne

Dated this 1st day of May 2026

After some discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to revoke the driver’s permit for Mr. Masoud.

Commissioner Butterworth amended the motion to find that Mr. Masoud violated MCL § 6.72.250 A and MCL § 6.72.430 B&F. Commissioner Klaver seconded the motion.

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.

6.72.430 - Prohibited acts by driver.

- A. No taxicab driver shall engage in illegally selling intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, or soliciting business from any house of ill repute or use his or her vehicle for any purpose other than the transporting of paying passengers.
- B. No taxicab driver shall engage in abusive language or conduct, including, but not limited to, cursing, verbal insults or derogatory comments or gestures in the presence of passengers.
- C. While on duty, no taxicab driver shall be under the influence or engaged in the consumption of any intoxicant, including, but not limited, to alcoholic beverages.
- D. No taxicab driver shall work more than sixteen driving hours in the aggregate during any twenty-four hour period, and such driver shall not begin to drive unless he or she has had at least eight consecutive hours of rest immediately prior to doing so. The certificate holder is responsible, in conjunction with the driver, to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- E. No taxicab driver shall drive any other than the shortest and most direct route in transporting a passenger from the point of pick-up to the point of destination, unless otherwise requested by the passenger.
- F. No driver shall fail to comply with all state, local and federal laws.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to revoke the driver’s permit for Mr. Masoud, taking into consideration prior misconduct and discipline imposed as presented during the hearing.

ACTION: Approved 3-1 (Commissioner Hall dissenting)

The Vice Chair advised that application reviews would be addressed prior to Other Business.

Application Reviews

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

Dezmon Greenlee applied for a wrecker and towing services driver permit but was not present in the room when called. The application was previously deferred at the April meeting when Mr. Greenlee was also not present. Staff confirmed they communicated with Mr. Greenlee via mailed letter and phone call prior to meeting. Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Klaver moved to deny the application.

ACTION: Denied 4-0

Marquise Dooley applied for a wrecker and towing services driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. David Williams, representative of A.B. Collier Wrecker Service, was not present but indicated an intent to hire Mr. Dooley if approved.

After some discussion, Commissioner Klaver with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Frenyer Paredes Ramirez applied for an OPVH driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. Maria Hernandez and Jairo Ruben, company representatives from Kefi Transportation LLC, were present and provided English language translation for Mr. Ramirez.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Elamir Nashed applied for a taxicab driver permit but failed to disclose background information on the application. Doug Trimble, representative of Yellow Cab Metro Inc, was not present but indicated an intent to hire Mr. Nashed if approved.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

Other Business

Metro Legal conducted an MTLC Ethics Training Presentation.

Director Rooker introduced MTLC Compliance Inspector Ava Prater.

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

ACTION: Approved 4-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Richard Rooker

Executive Secretary

Carol Westlake

Vice Chair

Date