

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: August 18, 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 Commissioners Annie Klaver, Erica Penley, Ann Butterworth, Carey Rogers, and Manaen Hall (5). Absent were Chair Pat McNally, Vice Chair Carol Westlake, and Commissioner Freddie Carr (3). The Commission held one vacancy following the resignation of Commissioner Juan Mera. Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, Kristin Kumrow, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Ann Mikkelsen.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Director Rooker called the meeting to order, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was temporarily interrupted.

The meeting resumed.

An election for Chair Pro Tem was called. Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Penley nominated Commissioner Klaver. With no further nominations, a vote was called.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Chair Pro Tem Klaver read the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal of MTLC decisions, then 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 Hall moved approval of minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Items For Deferral

Director Rooker requested deferral until September of the disciplinary hearing for taxicab driver Melad Hanna.

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to defer the hearing.

ACTION: Deferred

Vote: 4-0

Consent Items

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

- M:M Car Service LLC – 1 Permit
- L. LYL Black Professional Ride LLC – 1 Permit
- Fusco Enterprise LLC – 1 Permit
- Clark's Transportation LLC – 1 Permit
- Mic Transportation – 1 Permit
- Hearth & Compass LLC – 1 Permit
- Kyle Williams – 1 Permit
- Titan Black Executive LLC – 1 Permit
- People's Choice Transportation LLC – 1 Permit

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

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Sprocket Rocket Party Bike requested to modify ownership by adding Robert Warren Lynch. Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Penley moved approval.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was called regarding implementation of a comprehensive fee study as approved by Metro Council in BL2026-1358. Kristin Kumrow of NDOT and Grace Lewis of Local Bike Taxi spoke. With no further requests to speak, the Chair Pro Tem closed the Public Hearing.

After some discussion, Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to implement the proposed fee increases on September 1, 2026.

ACTION: Approved

Vote:4-0

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to amend MTLC Rules and Procedures Sections 223, 233, 327, 503, 600, and 700 to reflect the fee increases.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)

T.D. Schlafer provided an update on Intent to Award RFQ GG000053 Dockless SUMDs which was deferred at the July 2026 meeting. A protest hearing was held on July 22, 2026, 1 P.M. at Lindsley Hall. Metro Procurement advised staff to request deferral pending the outcome of the hearing.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to defer action on the Intent to Award until the September meeting.

ACTION: Deferred

Vote: 4-0

Entertainment Transportation (ET)

Director Rooker provided an update on BL2026-1449, an ordinance amending Chapter 6.77 of MCL regarding the assignment, sale, transfer, or gifting of ET certificates of public convenience and necessity and vehicle permits, which was approved by the Mayor on August 7, 2026, and became law.

Pedicabs and Pedal Carriages

Director Rooker provided an update on BL2026-1490, an ordinance amending Chapter 6.75 of MCL by adding a new subsection that directs the MTLC to consider pedicabs as a necessary and useful mode of transportation and to consider pedal carriages only as vehicles used for entertainment purposes. The ordinance also allows pedicabs to utilize designated bicycle lanes, if they do not impede existing bicycle traffic. The bill was approved by the Mayor on August 7, 2026, and became law.

Chair Pro Tem Klaver opened the Annual Hearing for the purpose of consideration of applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for new and additional pedicab and pedal carriage permits. Director Rooker reported there were four (4) pedal carriage companies approved to operate twenty-seven (27) vehicle permits and five (5) pedicab companies approved to operate forty-two (42) vehicle permits. Emily Grooms, Marelene Felton, Cynthia George, James Gill, Chelsea Lovitt, Abby Goodrich, Sarah Murray, Steven Gurl, Louis Lawson, Grace Lewis, Steven Hatgis, Craig Abernathy, David Saberski, Daniel Bogard, Simona Kendrick, Jake Badaszewski, and James Chatman spoke. There were no further requests to speak. The Chair Pro Tem closed the Annual Hearing.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to find there was no demonstration of Public Convenience and Necessity for pedicabs. The motion was withdrawn.

After additional discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to find there was currently no demonstration of Public Convenience and Necessity for pedicabs, though the need may exist in the future.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

The Commission took no further action regarding the submitted pedicab applications.

Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to find there was a demonstration of Public Convenience and Necessity for pedal carriages as articulated by the testimony of individuals indicating the current service does not adequately meet the public need.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 3-1 (Commissioner Butterworth dissenting)

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to deny the pedal carriage application of Nashville Bar On Wheels. Commissioner Butterworth abstained. Commissioner Hall voted nay. The original vote was 2-1-1 in favor of denial. Chair Pro Tem Klaver then voted nay resulting in a 2-2-1 tie vote. The tied motion failed.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the application for one pedal carriage permit for Nashville Bar On Wheels. There was not a second. The motion failed.

The Commission took no further action regarding the application of Nashville Bar On Wheels.

Commissioner Butterworth moved to deny the pedal carriage application of Every Body Rides LLC. There was not a second. The motion failed.

After some discussion, Commissioner Hall moved to approve the pedal carriage application for three permits for Every Body Rides LLC. Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Penley moved to amend the motion to approve the pedal carriage application for one permit for Every Body Rides LLC. The Commission voted to approve the amended motion.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 3-1 (Commissioner Butterworth dissenting)

Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the application for one pedal carriage permit for Local Bike Taxi. Commissioner Penley abstained and Commissioner Butterworth voted nay. The original vote was 2-1-1 in favor of approval. Chair Pro Tem Klaver then voted in favor.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 3-1-1

Erica Haber left the meeting.

Low Speed Vehicles (LSV)

Chair Pro Tem Klaver opened the Annual Hearing for the purpose of consideration of applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for new and additional low speed vehicle permits. Director Rooker reported there were four (4) companies approved to operate fifty-three (53) vehicle permits. Michael Winters, Sherief Gerges, Shameka Lobasco, Peter Aguib, Simona Kendrick, and Christopher Livingston spoke. There were no further requests to speak. The Chair Pro Tem closed the Annual Hearing.

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to find there was no demonstration of Public Convenience and Necessity for LSVs.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 3-1 (Commissioner Hall dissenting)

After some additional discussion, Commissioner Hall with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to deny all submitted applications for LSVs.

ACTION: Denied

Vote: 4-0

Disciplinary Hearing

A disciplinary hearing was called to review alleged violations of MCL 6.72.250 and 6.72.265 by Yellow Cab Metro Inc taxicab driver Ayman Labib. Mr. Labib spoke at the hearing with the assistance of an English language interpreter and was accompanied by Mr. Doug Trimble, representing Yellow Cab. Mr. Labib was sworn in.

The hearing stemmed from a hubNashville request and subsequent affidavit filed by Mr. Sam Chuck.

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT

The within named (Affiant), Sam Chuck who is a resident of Santa Clara County, State of California personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, and make this his 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 his knowledge:

On June 5, 2026, at approximately 10:00 p.m., my wife and I hailed a cab at the corner of 3rd and Korean Veterans Parkway in downtown Nashville. Yellow Cab No. 23 with the phone number 615-256-0101 on its side picked us up to transport us to the corner of Dallas Avenue and 12th Avenue South. As we approached our destination, I realized that the cab did not have the meter running. When I asked about it, he said it was a fixed fee of \$55.00 plus tip. I told him that it was not legal. He told me I had to pay. Unfortunately, the only bill I had on me was a \$50.00 bill and he refused to give change. As my wife and I exited the cab I went to take a picture of the side of his car, and he drove off with both doors open knowing that he had acted improperly.

I then called the cab company to report the issue. The dispatcher laughed at me and said I should not have paid him, but he didn't care. Further, the dispatcher said there was no governing authority, and no one could do anything about it so I should just chalk it up to experience.

Attached to the email are photographs I took that evening as the cab drove away.

I hope you will take the appropriate actions to hold this cab company and its driver accountable. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2026.

Sam Chuck, Signature of Affiant

After testimony and discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to place Mr. Labib on a three-month probationary period, beginning on August 18, 2026.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

Other Business

Director Rooker acknowledged that Metro Council would vote on the approval of new Commissioner David Andrews at their meeting that evening.

Director Rooker shared the following statement issued by NDOT regarding allegations of unfair ticketing practices by NDOT Compliance Inspectors, *"None of the allegations against our parking enforcement officers have been substantiated. However, if it is determined that any of these complaints are true, we will address the matter swiftly and in accordance with our Civil Service Rules and Policies. To our knowledge, parking enforcement officers have been following all applicable laws and regulations in their enforcement efforts. Officers are issuing citations to taxicabs that are parked, standing, or soliciting rides*

with doors open in the active loading zone or other areas not intended for loading and unloading, which is against the law."

The Commission requested that MTLC revenue, expenses, and budget information be provided by NDOT as soon as practical. The Commission also requested staff to explore the possibility of ADA-specific permits.

Director Rooker shared that NDOT hired new Director Ryan Lynch, who would begin work in September.

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

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 4-0

ATTEST:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Annie Klaver
Chair Pro Term

Date: