

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
February 25, 2021 @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom

Members present: Chairman: McNutt, Commissioners: Satz, Asfaw, Osho, Rudawsky, Hamacher and Vianello

Legal Department: Chuck Billings

AGENDA & MINUTES

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 10:01 AM and the roll was called by Director Ronald Klein: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-present, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Hamacher-present, Commissioner Vianello-present and Chairman McNutt – present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt called for a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 agenda. The motion was moved by Commissioner Vianello and second by Satz, a vote was taken, and the agenda approved; Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Hamacher-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes,
- Following the approval of the agenda, Chairman McNutt called for a motion to adopt the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes, he also noted that there was a minor spelling error that had already been corrected. Commissioner Osho made a motion to have the minutes adopted it was second by Commissioner Satz. Vote was taken, and the minutes were adopted, Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Osho-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Hamacher-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes,
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- The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday March 23, 2021 10 AM via Zoom

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Chairman McNutt stated how the airport taxi drivers has been sitting in line sometimes for hours just to pick up fare to the hotel across the street or to the parking lot, so Commissioner Osho asked if they could approve a short trip flat rate however, they would have to get permission from the Airport and work out all the details. Commissioner Osho said that before the next meeting he would have a number for the flat rate, and he would talk to the Airport. Chairman McNutt asked the Commissioners if they would agree to let the Director make a director's rule if all the details pertaining to the flat rate fare was to come in place before the next meeting? Commissioner Rudawsky said that he agreed with that decision because it should be a temporary rule because of Covid, plus it would be an experimental project with an expiration date. Legal asked commission Rudawsky so you are motion to modify Chairman McNutt's motion to put a sunset on it and Commissioner Rudawsky answered yes. Director Klein said he marked this item as a table item until they get solid number from Commissioner Osho and permission from the Airport.

Commissioner Osho said he was good with waiting until the next meeting to discuss this matter more.

- Director Klein explained how the Taxi Commission is in financial trouble and with the fleets shrinking due to the pandemic we are asking companies to let us know how many permits they will be needing to purchase at \$5.00 a piece and let them buy them instead of the Commission. Commissioner Osho asked that the commission send out invoices for the extra invoices? Director Klein explained that the permits are \$5.00 a piece and come renewal time we will only be charging \$45.00 per inspection instead of the normal \$50.00. Commissioner Satz asked if other Cities have short trip fee. Chairman said that other Cities do have a flat rate. Director Klein brought up the House Bill No. 1271 sections 67.1800 to 67.1822 stating that Taxi Commissions do not have the Authority to license, supervise or regulate free of charge rides.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman McNutt asked if they needed an Executive session everyone agreed there was no need so with no other public comments and no more on the agenda, Chairman McNutt called for a motion to adjourn the February 25, 2021 meeting at 10:26 AM. Commissioner Osho second the motion to adjourn the meeting without any objections.

Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Sandy Page

