

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission  
**January 10, 2024 @ 10:00 am**  
**Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom**

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

Absent: Commissioner Osho

Legal Department: Charles Billings

**AGENDA & MINUTES**

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 9:34 AM and the roll was called: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-Absent, Commissioner Rudawsky-Present, Commissioner Vianello-Present, Commissioner Goldie-present and Chairman McNutt – Present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt moved to approve the January 10, 2024, agenda. The motion was second by Commissioner Asfaw, Previous roll was used and the January 10, 2024, Agenda was approved.
- Chairmen McNutt called to approve the November 15, 2023, Minutes the motion was moved by Chairman McNutt and was second by Commissioner Vianello, previous roll call was used, and the minutes were adopted.
- The next meeting was scheduled for February 21, 2024, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Director Klein explained that they were having trouble keeping taxis inside the Airport terminals and that he has a meeting with the airport on January 18, 2024, to discuss the problem of how the lines can keep moving so that taxis are waiting for people instead of people waiting for taxis. Commissioner Satz said that the drivers would rather sit in the cell phone lot ¼ mile away and he has complained about that. Director Klein said that the drivers are offended by him with the new mandate of always having 3 taxis in each terminal and it is beginning to be a personnel issue. He added the airport authorities are agreeing with the new rule. He said that they are tired of getting the blame for the issue. Commissioner Satz said he travels a lot and St. Louis is the only Airport that does not have taxis lined up waiting for the people. Commissioner Rudawsky said the whole business is to serve the public. He does not understand why they would not want to be there. Director Klein said that when the enforcement Agents go to the Airport the taxi drivers just want to argue with them. Chairman McNutt said it sounds like an enforcement issue, if the driver wants to argue the write a ticket for public confrontation and send them home until they understand this is the rule. We are not there to accommodate them we are here to accommodate the public. Commissioner Goldie asked if the mandate for the three taxis already exists and the answer was yes, he said Well enforce it. Legal asked how the taxis were called up and Director Klein answered the starters at the airport however, now the drivers are ignoring the starters.

## **DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

- The Director said that the CCN renewal period is here, and the applications would need to be voted on.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Rudawsky would like to see the pricing removed from the outside of the vehicle. He would like to see the pricing be optional for the outside of the taxis. Chairman McNutt asked you would still have the logo? Commissioner Satz said he agrees to get rid of the pricing but keep the logo. Commissioner Goldie said he thinks the pricing on the vehicle looks cluttered. Commissioner Asfaw agreed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no need for an Executive session and no more on the agenda, Chairman McNutt moved to end the meeting at 9:56 AM Commissioner Vianello second the move the previous roll was used and the meeting was adjourned.

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

