

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission
November 1, 2022, additional meeting @ 10:00 am
Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom

Members present: Chairman: McNutt, Commissioners Satz, Rudawsky, Vianello, Asfaw
Absent: Commissioner Osho

Legal Department: Charles Billings

AGENDA & MINUTES

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 10:03 AM and the roll was called: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-present, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Vianello-present and Chairman McNutt – present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt called to approve the November 1, 2022, agenda. The motion was moved by Commissioner Rudawsky and second by Commissioner Satz, roll was called Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes Commissioner Osho-yes and Chairman McNutt – yes, and the agenda was approved.
- The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday November 22, 2022, at 10 AM via Zoom

NEW BUSINESS

- **Code Revision**
- Director Klein talked about the code change for the airport taxis that have absentee owners provision will go into effect on January 1, 2023 if the owner does not come back the airport taxi companies can hire a non-owner driver to fill that spot and the owner will be placed on administrative hold that will be up to the taxi companies on how they want to work that out until they reach 125 taxis in service at the airport. Chairman McNutt asked Commissioner Osho if the code change has been talked through with the airport taxi companies and Mr. Goodman and if everyone was comfortable with the change. Commissioner Osho said that it has been talked about for a long time and that he looks for several of the drivers to come back in December. The word has been sent out to the drivers and they are doing everything they can to come back to work. Commissioner Asfaw said he was receiving phone calls from taxi drivers, and they are driving trucks because of Covid he asked that the code change be postponed. Chairman McNutt said that the Director was giving the drivers enough time to make their decision and that there must be a move to get the airport back in service. Commissioner Satz said that the Airport is back up and running and that it is busy, and people are taking Uber and Lift. Commissioner Vianello said that his concern is that the airport will step in and do something and if that happens everybody loses. Chuck Billings said regarding commissioner Asfaw's recommendation to postpone the vote that the drivers have 6 months before they are removed and that they could reapply anytime. Commissioner Rudawsky asked what the other drivers would be driving. Mr. Billings said that would be an issue for Mr. Goodman to work out. Chairman McNutt moved to adopt the suggested changes for airport taxi drivers and Commissioner Satz second the motion vote was taken: Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-no, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner

Vianello-yes Commissioner Osho-abstained and Chairman McNutt – yes, Mr. Billings said that was a pass. and the changes were approved.

- Request for additional Premium Sedan-was tabled
- Increase fees for Premium Sedan permit fees-will be moved to the November 22, 2022, meeting.
- Insurance issues- Drivers bringing in the insurance documents then going out and lowering the limits have been an issue. Commissioner Rudawsky said as long all parties are listed then it would be proper insurance and that the CCN holder is responsible for the insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no need for an Executive session and no more on the agenda, Chairman McNutt moved to end the meeting at 10:43 AM and it was second by Commissioner Vianello. The previous roll was used, and the meeting was adjourned.

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

