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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2016 BOARD MEETING AND HEARING

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Stan Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Stan Olsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Administrator Ronald Grogan stated the Board Meeting and Hearing is in compliance with Open Meeting Law.

4. Public Comment

Chairman Stan Olsen invited the public to come forward, identify themselves, and comment.

Sam Moffitt, driver for Yellow Cab, commented that he believes the 800 additional permanent medallions issued last year are adversely affecting the drivers leading to longer work hours and less income.

Gustavo, a taxicab driver, stated he has the same complaint as Mr. Moffitt. Mr. Gustavo stated that due to the loss in income he may have to switch careers and he feels depressed by that.

Jay Nady, Owner A-Cab, stated that it costs money to send a cab out and they would not do it unless the cab was earning money.

Board Member Bruce Aguilera addressed Mr. Nady and stated that his statement is contrary to the two previous drivers who commented. Mr. Nady responded that they would not send cabs out if they were not making money.

Joel Wilden, Field Operations Manager at Yellow Cab, welcomed Chairman Stan Olsen. Mr. Wilden remarked that the Board should listen to the drivers as they have the experience.

William, a driver for YCS, stated the pay is decreasing too much. Member Bruce Aguilera confirmed with Mr. William that he believes there are too many cabs on the road. Mr. William stated there are so many cabs that they are being waived off at the airport.

Bill Tuntas, Checker Cab, stated he is making \$900 less per month this year. Mr. Tuntas assigns this to too many cabs on the road and asked for flexibility in place that can dissipate some of the cabs in these situations.

Timothy Cobabe, driver, stated that last year on a given shift there was an average book of \$300 and \$100 in tips. This year you are lucky to book \$200 and receive \$25 in tips. He suggests innovation to combat the ride share competition.

At approximately 9:39 a.m., Chairman Stan Olsen was sworn in as Chairman of the Taxicab Authority Board by Administrator Ronald Grogan.

5. Approval of the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Stan Olsen abstains as he was not on the Board for the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting. Member Dean Collins, Member Bruce Aguilera and Member James Campos are all in favor of approving the minutes – motion passes.

6. Discussion with Maria Soto, Traffic Manager for LVCVA, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service

Maria Soto stated they are seeing good service at LVCVA from the taxicab companies and they are grateful for the additional help from the field supervisors.

7. Discussion with Freddie Kirtley, Assistant Director, Landside Operations, McCarran International Airport, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service.

Freddie Kirtley was not present for the meeting.

8. Discussion with Jeff White, Security Manager, Sands Expo, Regarding Recent Taxicab Service

Jeff White stated that the HIMMS convention called for a high demand of cabs. Mr. White stated he was very pleased with the taxicab service and their presence citing an average wait time of 7 minutes. Member Aguilera addressed Mr. White and asked if there was a positive change in service due to the increase in medallions. Mr. White answered yes.

9. Staff Report

a. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ronald Grogan welcomed Chairman Stan Olsen, wished him luck, and expressed that he looks forward to working together. Administrator Grogan spoke about the RFP and that he hopes to have the contract issued in the 60 days. Administrator Grogan also addressed the recent change to staff schedules moving to an eight hour day, five days a week.

b. Chief Investigator's Report

Chief Ruben Aquino stated that as far as enforcement decisions he believes the change in the schedule will provide increased officer safety and maximize the Taxicab Authority's ability to service the riding public. Chief Aquino stated that the Taxicab Authority has not been immune to the staffing challenges facing law enforcement agencies but he is happy to report the Taxicab Authority recently hired two new investigators and were able to promote one sergeant from within. Chief Aquino also addressed TNCs and the steps that are being taken in regards to enforcement where people are operating without certification. Member Campos questioned Chief Aquino on what can be done in regards to enforcement where TNCs are concerned, given they are under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Authority. Chief Aquino stated that when TNCs are operating without certification or are taking rides that are not generated from their application, enforcement falls within the Taxicab Authority's jurisdiction citing NRS 706.8827.

c. Stats for February 2016



Kelly Kuzik was present on behalf of the Nevada Taxicab Authority to answer any questions regarding the statistics.

Member Dean Collins asked what A-Cab and Deluxe are doing right to experience an increase. Member Bruce Aguilera stated that rides went up but revenue was down.

Jay Nady of A-Cab addressed the questions of the Board stating that his cabs now operate on Las Vegas Boulevard where the rides are significantly shorter. This accounts for a drop in revenue per trip. Member Collins asked for further clarification on the math given that rides went up 20% but the revenue is down. Mr. Nady stated that he hasn't analyzed this month's statistics as of yet. Chairman Stan Olsen asked that Mr. Nady supply the information to the Board at the next meeting.

Member Aguilera asked how is it possible for revenue to be up and driver's income to be down. George Balaban, President Desert Cab Company, stated it is a matter of two companies beginning to operate on Las Vegas Boulevard when they had not previously done so.

Member Aguilera asked Mr. Balaban how many of his medallions is he going to use today. Mr. Balaban stated the most medallions he ever got out on the road was for March Madness where he put out 214 of his 229 medallions. Mr. Balaban cited not being busy enough, not enough drivers, and equipment issues as reasons he does not get all his medallions out.

Member Aguilera asked Mr. Balaban if the driver's book is up or down. Mr. Balaban stated that the revenue per shift is down. Mr. Balaban stated the reasons for this include Uber and Lyft but also include the drivers working shorter shifts.

Further discussion between Mr. Balaban, Member Collins and Member Aguilera resulted in Mr. Balaban explaining that he does not put cars out unless there are rides. For March Madness Mr. Balaban put out as many cars as he could but was limited by the amount of employees he has – which he stated appears to be the same problem the other cab companies are experiencing.

d. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items at this time.

10. Report of Legal Counsel

Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long clarified Motions to Intervene on agenda items. She stated that Open Meeting Law dictates public comment and the Board can ask for public comment at any time. Motions to Intervene are for a specific purpose by those substantially affected. John Hickman of Western Cab stated that when they are in doubt they should intervene or they would give up their opportunity to speak. DAG Long stated that they are free to intervene. DAG Long also cited NRS 706.8819 though it applies to the NTA it is applicable and will provide a clear list of when to file an intervention with the Taxicab Authority.

11. Public Comment

Jay Nady, Owner A- Cab, stated that Lyft recently applied for 6,000 new licenses which will bring the TNC license total to 25,000 compared to the 3,500 licenses out for taxicabs. Mr. Nady stated that as bad as the driver's are saying they have it reducing the taxicabs on the road is not going to help them.



Sam Moffitt, driver for Yellow Cab, stated that the numbers need to be looked at and recommendations should be made by the Taxicab Authority, as it was in the past, to provide an outside opinion with no vested interest. Chairman Stan Olsen questioned Mr. Moffitt to be clear that Mr. Moffitt is suggesting that the Taxicab Authority make recommendations on medallions to which Mr. Moffitt confirmed.

12. Failures to Appear: Citation Appeals

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14. Permit Denials

*Boris Arsoyev TA#114991 – Upheld
Doug Lamb TA#114656 - Upheld*

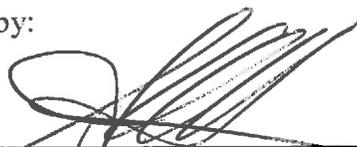
15. Public Comment

No comments

16. Adjournment

All in favor of adjournment – motion passes.

Approved by:



Stan Olsen
Chairman

4/21/16

Date



Ronald Grogan
Taxicab Authority Administrator

4/15/2016

Date

