



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
TAXICAB AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Donald Soderberg called the meeting to order on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., at the location of the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 430, Tahoe Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

Present from the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Chairman Dan. R. Reaser (via audio/visual technology - Teams)

Member J.D. Decker

Member Donald Soderberg

Member Rusty Graf

Member Javier Trujillo (via audio/visual technology - Teams)

Ziwei Zheng, Deputy Attorney General

Present from the Taxicab Authority

Sgt. AJ Scott for Interim Administrator Todd Park

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Graf led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**B. Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Acting Secretary Gail Gaison-Tyler stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**2. Public Comment**

Mario Locascio – Deluxe Taxicab: Thanked the TA enforcement for apprehending the person that attacked his cab driver and stated he is having problems at Allegiant Stadium with drivers complaining how badly they're being treated.

Vice Chairman stated to AJ Scott to relay these comments to the Administrator, so he is aware of the situation. Vice Chairman asked if there's anyone who would like to address the Board for public comment.

*No further comments. Item closed.*

**3. Action Item: Approve Board Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2023, Board Meeting**

No changes, additions, or corrections requested by any Board Member. Chairman Reaser moved to approve the minutes and Member Graf second.

*Motion passed and minutes approved. Item closed.*

**4. Industry Discussion (For Discussion Only)**

*No comment/discussion by any Industry Members. Item closed.*

**5. Staff Report**

**a. Administrator's Report:**

Sgt. AJ Scott introduced the new Attorney for the TA Lona Webb along with hiring an in-house person for the Management Analyst 2 position. Offers were made for the dispatcher and front office position also. We still need to hire another Administrative Assistant 2 and a Vehicle Inspector.

Chairman Reaser stated that he spoke to Director Sanchez, and he is working on the Administrator posting.

**b. Enforcement/Compliance Report**

Radios have been ordered but we are still having an issue with the recorder part due to a manufacturer issue. Vehicles have been ordered through the fleet services where we will be receiving seven vehicles soon and another seven that are budgeted for 2025.

We are working with the Super Bowl Host committee and the taxi stand is currently set to be on Quail Avenue between Wynn Road and South Valley View Road. We will have more information which we will give to the industry and the board as well. There are multiple Super Bowl events/parties that are occurring throughout the valley, and I know the Commissioner will be having a special party where we're having to do some traffic enforcement and for the Super Bowl.

Also, as Mario pointed out, we did have a violent crime committed against the taxicab driver where he did lose an eye. We were able to work with the Fusion Center and locate the vehicle for the partial plate number, apprehended the subject and he's facing felony charges right now. He is in jail facing those charges.

Member Decker asked about the TA vacancies regarding officers being filled. Sgt Scott replied yes, it is and there will be 4 additional positions coming maybe at the end of spring.

Member Decker asked if there was a posting for the Administrator's position which

Sgt. Scott replied he did not know. Member Decker asked what kind of vehicles were ordered which Sgt. Scott replied there's a variety, Nissan Rouges, Chevy Traverse, and Dodge Durango's. Member Decker asked if they were going to be fitted for police packages and Sgt. Scott replied that they may not necessarily have the police package, but they will have the lights and side concerns. Member Decker stated one thing to watch out for is that your vehicles won't be mistaken by anybody for a police car. He also stated that his agency is donating 12 Taser 26's to the agency which you should have those by the end of February.

**c. Stats**

Sgt. Scott gave the stats report for the month of December.

- Trips were down .11% from the year prior.
- Revenue is up 11%.
- Employees trips down and lease trips higher.
- No change on medallions.
- Credit card transaction 13.3% drop
- 32 citations, 38 violations, 6 impounds.
- Resolved 48 violations - 42 citations were paid and the remaining 6 went to court and were found guilty.

Member Decker asked if the 6 hearings were UPT's. Sgt. Scott replied yes. Also, on dispatch events targeted it shows 40 violations, are those UPT's also? Sgt. Scott replied no, they are a category of multiple things such as 706 enforcement and UPT's.

Vice Chairman Soderberg asked if we are still having traffic disruptions. Sgt. Scott replied yes and in addition on Flamingo Road there is a temporary bridge that should be taken down before the Super Bowl which will be an additional problem.

**d. Legal Counsel:** Nothing to report.

**e. Future Agenda Items:** Nothing to report.

**6. Public Comment**

*No public comments. Item closed.*

**7. Adjournment (Action)**

Vice Chairman Soderberg moved for adjournment. Member Decker moved and Member Trujillo seconded the motion. All Members in favor of adjournment. *Motion passes.*

By the Authority,

*Dan R. Reaser*

Dan R. Reaser, Chairman  
Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Dated: February 22, 2024  
Las Vegas, Nevada