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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

April 27, 2010

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 9:42 a.m.

Present were: Chairman Stacie Truesdell Michaels, Vice Chairman Susan Carrasco O'Brien, Member Robert Forbuss, Member John G. Marushok and Member Joshua C. Miller. Others present: were Administrator Gordon L. Walker, Legal Counsel, Deputy Attorney General Scott R. Davis and Legal Secretary/ Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb.

***1. Driver Appeal**

Prior to the meeting, the driver requested his appeal be continued until the May 25th, 2010 Board Meeting.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Administrator Walker stated that we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

***4. Approval of the March 23rd, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes and the Minutes from the April 6th, 2010 continuance of the Application of Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co. Vegas-Western Cab Co., Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Co., Inc. for Approval of Charge for Credit Card and Debit Card Transactions in Taxicabs and Setting of Maximum Allowable Such Charge.**

The Chair asked if the Board has read the Minutes from March 23, 2010 Board Meeting and did they want to make a motion.

The following is the Board's motion –

Motion: Approve Minutes from March 23, 2010
By: Vice Chair O'Brien
Second: Member Marushok
Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

The April 6th, 2010 Minutes were not available for approval. They will be on the May 25th Agenda for approval.

5. Public Comment

Steve Lanett, driver for Whittlesea, wished Investigator Costantino a speedy recovery from his accident. He also asked the Board if there was anything they can do regarding the long hauling issue which is getting very out of hand. He gave a couple of scenarios where he had a couple in his cab and in another cab were their children all going to the Premium Outlet from the Bellagio. When both cabs arrived at the Premium Outlet – he was first to arrive, the other driver arrived a little while after and that fare was \$8.00 more than his because of the route that other driver took. He said that was one of two incidents when the other driver long hauled and they were going to the same destination. He asked for help in stopping this. He said that drivers that long haul have a much higher book at the expense of the riding public and the honest drivers are being fired because their book is lower.

Stephanie Edelman, USW and A NLV driver, mentioned how much the drivers are enjoying their safety classes now because it is more entertaining and their shown much more respect that in the past and she thanked the Administrator for changing instructors.

8. Staff Report – Administrator’s Report

The Chair took this agenda item out of order as Administrator Walker wanted to enlighten the Board as to what has been transpiring over the past few months. He stated he feels he is compelled to speak about incidents that have occurred with regard to a terminated former employee. He stated that all the tires on his State vehicle have been slashed; anonymous letters sent to his wife accusing him of doing things that obviously he did not. This same terminated employee was found at 11:00 P.M. on a Saturday night at Mr. Walker’s house. Because of this, Mr. and Mrs. Walker have taken out a Protective Order. As a result of all these issues, Mr. Walker has had investigative staff driving by his home late at night to be sure there are no further problems. The reason he is bringing this up is because of George Knapp of KLAS-TV, Channel 8. He had done stories in the past with this terminated employee which were not accurate and Mr. Walker feels that George Knapp will do another inaccurate story surrounding the events occurring at Mr. Walker’s residence.

6. Discussion with Stephen Patterson, Traffic Manager for LVCVA regarding the taxicab service during March and April.

Mr. Patterson was not present.

***7. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Application of Peter Eliades, Trustee, to transfer his voting shares of stock to the Eliades Survivor’s Trust dated October 30, 2008.**

Attorney David Strauss made his presentation. The Board had no questions and the following vote was taken for approval.

The following is the Board’s motion –

Motion: Approve the transfer of Mr. Eliades’ voting shares of stock to the Eliades Survivor’s Trust
By: Member Forbuss
Second: Member Marushok
Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

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8. Staff Report

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation stating that it was a very good March. He said trips were up 7.16% for the month and up 7.25% for the first quarter. He said trips per shift were almost at 20 and that it is the 7 month in a row that there was an increase in trips.

Future agenda items – Member Forbuss would like the long haul issue to be discussed more in depth at the May meeting.

9. Report of Legal Counsel

Deputy Attorney General Scott Davis stated that the Handicab Appeal at the NTA is scheduled on their May Agenda, but he does not know the date as the Agenda has not been posted yet.

9. Adjournment

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Before the motion was made, Member Forbuss asked if they could discuss the long haul issue and the DAG said no because it was not an agenda item but it could be put under “Future Agenda Items” to be discussed next month and he agreed.

The following is the Board’s motion –

Motion: To adjourn
By: Chair Michaels
Second: Vice Chair O’Brien
Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary Date

Approved by:

Stacie Truesdell Michaels, Chairman Date

Gordon L. Walker, Administrator Date