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

**September 28, 2010**

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, September 28th, 2010. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 9:30 A.M.

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

**2. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.**

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

**\*3. Approval of the Minutes from the August 24th, 2010 Board Meeting.**

Motion: To approve August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Minutes  
By: Member Marushok  
Second: Chair Michaels  
Vote: Passed unanimously

**4. Discussion with Stephen Patterson, Traffic Manager for LVCVA regarding the taxicab service during the past month.**

DavyAnn Noahr spoke on Mr. Patterson's behalf stating ConExpo will be in Las Vegas March 22 thru March 25, 2011. She thanked Frias and YCS for all their help during recent conventions. SEMA will be in Las Vegas November 2<sup>nd</sup> thru November 5<sup>th</sup>. She told the Administrator she would have the numbers for him next week. The Chair asked if for October's Meeting she could have the lay out with regard to drop off and pick up so it could be put on the website and handed out and DavyAnn agreed.

**5. Discussion with Jeff Zamaria from the Sands Expo regarding taxicab service.**

Mr. Zamaria thanked all the companies for their help during the fight event last week and avoiding some of the bikers when they were leaving with all their weaving in and out and no one getting hurt. A convention will be there Thursday, Friday and Saturday and he anticipates the same great service.

**6. Discussion with Heidi Nizowitz from the Mandalay Bay Convention Center regarding taxicab service.**

Heidi Nizowitz stated that a fantastic job was done by the companies during Barrett Jackson. She said the largest tattoo show in the world will be there next week with an expected 20,000 attendees. She

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said that at the same time as SEMA, the National Auto Collision Convention will be at their property with 40,000 expected for SEMA. End of October will be the Champion Car Racing Event with the parking lot being closed down therefore cabs will have to come from Russell Road.

**\*7. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Application of Afroditi Eliades Ledstrom, Trustee, Nevada Yellow Cab Corporation, Nevada Checker Cab Corporation, Nevada Star Cab Corporation, the JE Irrevocable Grantor Trust and the PE Irrevocable Grantor Trust requesting the Transfer of Stock to Subtrusts, Approval of Additional Trustee and the Approval of Additional Beneficiaries of the JE Irrevocable Grantor Trust and the PE Irrevocable Grantor Trust.**

David Straus, attorney for Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, gave some background on the parties involved in this transfer stating that the additional beneficiaries are all under the age of 2 years. He asked for approval of the transfer.

Administrator Walker stated that staff recommends approval.

Motion: Approval of the applications as stated above  
By: Member Forbuss  
Second: Member Marushok  
Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the applications

**8. Public Comment**

Steve Lanett, driver for Whittlesea Blue, gave a handout to the Board regarding an article stating that Las Vegas taxicab drivers were among the best in the U.S. with an exception which was long hauling. He also complimented the Board for their decision on one of last month's issue with diversion and how everyone came together to make the right decision, something he feels Mr. Beller did not expect.

**9. Staff Report**

Administrator Walker addressed Mr. Lanett's concerns about long hauling stating the long haul workshop will be the week of October 11 – no specific date as yet. He said that the TA did a sting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> taking some 20 rides – 7 resulted in long haul citation and 5 other citations. The long hauling workshop was continued to October because there seemed to be a belief that this really wasn't a problem. However, it continues to be. Additionally, we received a memorandum opinion from the Attorney General regarding the legality of implementing flat rates which will be reviewed at the workshop. With regard to the credit card regulation, DAG Scott Davis will have it ready for the Board at the October Meeting. The rates and medallion application filed by Frias which was originally scheduled for this meeting will be on the October Agenda. Ron Grogan of EEOC, has designed a class in diversity training for staff which will be held in October.

Member Marushok asked if he was planning any more stings between now and the workshop. Mr. Walker stated that there would be additional enforcement efforts, not necessarily stings, adding that last Sunday was the second Sunday of the month that he personally stationed himself at the entrance to I 15 headed south at Spring Mountain and called out cab numbers to his officers at the airport.

Member Marushok as if the Board was privy to the information regarding the flat rate comments from the Attorney General prior to the workshop and Mr. Walker said he would email it to them next week and it would be in the October packet.

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Kelly Kuzik made his presentation. Kelly stated it was the 12<sup>th</sup> month in a row that trips have been up over the same month of the previous year. Some was the result of a carry over from Arizona during the immigration law protest – a lot of the conventions came to Las Vegas. Revenue per trip is down very slightly from the previous month, trips are up 6% for the year; year-to-date, January through August, trips were up 8% over the same 8 months of 2009; up 11.50% for August. All numbers were up; revenue per trip is off only by 50 cents.

Member Marushok commented that every company is off, trips and revenue per shift are up; trips per shift are up..... Kelly stated it may be because of shorter trips.

**10. Report of Legal Counsel**

SDAG Kim Arguello stated that there was a hearing yesterday on Handicab. The companies were granted the right to participate in the Petition for Judicial Review. Handicab has 30 days to file their opening brief and the hearing for judicial review is January 10, 2011. Déjà vu counsel has filed an appeal with the NTA.

The Chair asked who the judge in District Court. SDAG answered it was Michelle Leavitt.

**11. Adjournment.**

Motion: To adjourn  
By: Chair Michaels  
Second: Member Forbuss  
Vote: Unanimously in favor of the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 10:47:21 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary**                      **Date**

**Approved by:**

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**Stacie Truesdell Michaels, Chairman**                      **Date**