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

**October 26, 2010**

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, October 26th, 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, Member Robert Forbuss and Member Josh Miller. Others present: were Acting Administrator Lt. Joseph Wingard, Legal Counsel, Deputy Attorney General Scott R. Davis and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb. Absent: Vice Chairman Susan Carrasco O'Brien.

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

Acting Administrator Lt. Joseph Wingard stated that we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**\*3. Approval of the Minutes from the September 28th, 2010 Board Meeting.**

Motion: To approve September 28th, 2010 Minutes

By: Member Marushok

Second: Chair Michaels

Vote: Passed unanimously

**4. Public Comment**

Bruce Woodbury spoke on behalf of Frias stating he was on their advisory committee. He stated that he and Rich Bryan reviewed what Frias was requesting and made the recommendation to them to go forward with their application and he is asking the Board to approve it. He feels it would stop a lot of the waiting time for a cab and feels with a lot of new technology that Frias is implementing will improve better service.

The opinion of the following drivers was that no more cabs are needed at this time as their wages are being affected now without additional cabs. The drivers that spoke were Steve Lanett, Whittlesea driver, Mike Read, Checker driver. Phillip Rodman, Western driver, Kenneth Fehrmann, Vegas Western, Sam Moffett, Chief Steward at YCS for ITPE Union, David Kolber, Yellow driver, Sarie Wilde, Yellow driver, Vinod Patel, Star driver, Matthew Villamor, Yellow driver, James Sargent, Star driver, Kevin Cerini, Checker driver, Louis Zesena, YCS driver, Juan Hernandez, YCS, and Rob Vanderbeek. Andrew Briggs commented that people in charge of the companies should ride around with the drivers to see what goes on with bellman and doorman and how many of their rides are diverted by bellman. Tracy Brimhall said she was just fired for low performance.

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Bill Shranko, YCS, commented regarding one of his driver's accusations of extortion at which he draws the line. He said that YCS does not discriminate when they hire drivers and if any of their drivers feel that they should discriminate, they don't want them working for YCS.

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

DavyAnn Noahr spoke on behalf of Steve Patterson. She gave the Board a handout with upcoming events. She stated that the taxicab service has been excellent for the last few shows and thanked the companies for their assistance. She said that the attendance for SEMA was 110,000.

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

Mr. Zamaria stated service was excellent this last month. He commented that APEX is scheduled with an anticipated attendance of 30,000. He stated that when the show breaks there is a need for cabs.

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

Heidi Nizowitz was not in attendance.

**\*8. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Application of Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co. Vegas-Western Cab, Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc. for Approval of Change of Rates and Allocation of Medallions.**

Chair Michaels asked if Mr. Tomlinson had evidence with regard to both their requests for increased rates and additional medallions.

Mr. Tomlinson, attorney for Frias, made his presentation along with John Hickman the COO for Frias explaining to the Board that they have had increases in their expenditures over the past year with insurance rates going up, having to meet minimum wage if the driver could not produce adequately, payroll taxes have increased which is why they are asking for a rate increase. His request for medallions he feels would best be absorbed if they were staggered over a 4-month period.

After much discussion between the Board and Frias representatives, including Mr. Van Noy regarding their insurance, the Chair asked for the intervenors' comments.

Intervenors were Western Cab, A Cab, United Steelworkers Union, ITPE Union, Lucky Cab, A Cab, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi, Desert Cab, Nellis Cab.

The Chair asked if the intervenors had any question.

Western supported change in rate. Esther Rodriguez representing A Cab supports Frias regarding rate increase and additional medallions. Cheryl Knapp, Whittlesea/Henderson neither supports nor opposes application. George Balaban, Desert, neither supports nor opposes the rate increase, but supports Frias regarding medallions. Jamie Pino, Nellis, didn't think a rate increase was a good idea. Desiree Dante, Lucky, does not support a rate increase but supports phasing in additional medallions. Stephanie Edelman, USW, supports rate increase but not additional medallions. Richard Segerbloom, ITPEU, opposes medallions, has no decision on rates.

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NOTE: Anyone desiring a more detailed account of this Agenda Item can contact Cameo Kayser & Associates at 655-5092 for a copy of the transcript.

The Chair asked for separate motions –

Motion: Deny request for rate increase  
By: Chair Michaels  
Second: Member Miller  
Vote: Passed unanimously

Motion: Deny request for 8 additional medallions.  
By: Member Miller  
Second: Chair Michaels  
Vote: 3 to 1 with

Motion: Member Marushok made a motion for 2 medallions and revisit in June  
Second: None  
Vote: Motion denied.

**9. Staff Report**

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation. He stated that September trips were up over 2-1/2%, year-to-date were up about 7-1/2%; revenue is up 5% and for the month it was up 1-1/4%.

**10. Report of Legal Counsel**

Deputy Attorney General Scott Davis stated that there are two matters on appeal – Déjà vu and he's awaiting an opening brief and Handicab which there will be an opening brief soon as they are scheduled for January 10, 2011.

**11. Adjournment.**

Motion: Adjourn  
By: Chair Michaels  
Second: Member Marushok  
Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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

**Approved by:**

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**Stacie Michaels, Chairman      Date**

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**Lt. Joseph Wingard, Acting Administrator      Date**