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

**August 23, 2011**

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. The meeting was held at the Cashman Center, 850 North Las Vegas Boulevard, Room 103, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Present were: Charles D. Harvey, Administrator, Chairman Ileana Drobkin, Member Josh Miller, Member Joseph Hardy and Member Dennis Nolan. Others present: were Legal Counsel, Deputy Attorney General Scott R. Davis, and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb.

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ileana Drobkin at 9:42 A.M.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Led by Board Member Josh Miller.

**3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.**

Administrator Harvey stated that we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Chair Drobkin read the Letter of Resignation from Board Member John Marushok and publicly thanked him for his service on the Board.

**4. Public Comment**

Steve Lanett, commented that with the 320 new permanent medallions that are requested is like adding 2 new companies to Las Vegas. He said there is no emergency for additional cabs as the airport has limited limos at the airport because of the lack of passengers. He feels that additional medallions will not only hurt the drivers, but also the industry.

Jerry Butler stated that there is no room for extra cabs. He said looking at trips sheets there are only 12-15 rides and no matter how many additional medallions are allocated, it would be a big impact on the drivers. He commented that the Board doesn't realize what happens when there's too many cabs on the road and that is why there is so much long hauling.



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Philip Rodman stated that at 4:00 AM there is no place for cabs to park and the drivers are given tickets. He feels that the limos and shuttles are hurting the taxicab business. He asked the Board not to allocate any more cabs.

Carlos Gomez commented for the economy, give the medallions to the drivers. He also commented that in the morning there is no place to park their cabs. He feels no cabs are needed.

Michael Jones commented that in the '70s averages were over 27 – 28 and no medallions were issued. He stated that from 2:00 -6:30 is when there have been the most complaints over the years.

Shari Wilde commented that the growth of Las Vegas is declining and asked the Board to review the growth before giving more medallions.

Kevin Wilson stated that from 2005 to 2008 there was a 23.7% decrease in rides. He commented that drivers have to work 7 days a week to make now what he used to make in 5 days before the recession. He feels an increase in medallions should not be considered.

Ashebar Tadesse commented that in the last 3 years he has made less money and working more hours. Companies used to have 10 hour shifts, but not any more. He said he doesn't understand why citations are given when there is not enough cabstands.

Daniel Mann commented that they used to have 40 rides on a weekend, now if they have 20 rides they are lucky. His commented to the drivers was to stop long hauling, show some class and have a good time and should start to promote Las Vegas and enjoy life.

Rosann Presnon (sp) gave the Board a Petition signed by 108 driver signatures for no more cabs. She commented that in a 12-hour shift, she is hardly making any money because they sit on stands waiting for rides. She asked that no additional cabs be given.

Sigay Kisay (sp) commented that the major casinos don't have big enough cabstands and the drivers are being ticketed. He said that their paychecks are used to pay for their tickets. He goes twice every hour to the airport and can't make \$5.00 an hour. He said drivers are struggling, can't make money, they work 14 hours, sitting 2 hours, 16 hours with no money.

Bruce Vanslow (sp) commented that it is a bad idea for more cabs because he feels that the recession will last for at least another 3 years. He told the Board not to believe the numbers they are given, no cabs are needed. He commented that drivers should be saluted not beaten down. He suggested going with Cheryl Knapp's proposal.

David Horman (sp) commented that at 10 AM an announcement was made on the radio that cabs had to be back in the yard at 6, drivers come in that are restricted, they turn around cab to avoid blown shifts.

Griffith Stern commented that \$100 per year for a medallion is the cheapest compared to every place else. He says that if the medallions in other areas cost thousands and feels that is why the companies ask for additional medallions.

Joanie Rodgers commented that early in the morning the wait is 3 hours for a ride. She also commented that Asians are not coming to Las Vegas any more.

Dwayne Davis stated that he works 12 hours a day and makes \$7.25 an hour, if more medallions are added, he'd make less money.



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David Kober commented that 4 years ago when there was a different Board, Frias brought in a statistical professor who said that more cabs were needed because of the expected growth and that never happened and cabs were never taken off the road. He said that there's 800 places to stage and 1200 cabs driving around to find rides and there's no one there. He feels that the reason the companies get what they want is because the drivers never show up, but today, even with conventions in town, the drivers showed up.

This ended Public Comment.

**\*5. Approval of the July 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. (for possible action)**

Motion: Approve July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes  
By: Member Miller  
Second: Member Nolan  
Vote: Passed unanimously – motion passed

**\*6. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Annual Review of Medallions. (for possible action)**

Staff made their presentation. Brock Croy and Kelly Kuzik authored an analysis of the industry and Las Vegas and presented the Board with "An Analysis of Medallion Allocation Considering Relevant Factors in 2011". In the analysis with all factors taken into consideration to better understand if the needs of the public are being met and Staff's decision for their recommendation was based on their findings after they went back to the last allocation. A copy of that analysis is available at the Taxicab Authority offices. Staff feels that after their study was done, there is no need for additional 24/7 medallions because when the last allocation was given in 2007, it was to accommodate 27 million additional people coming to Las Vegas and that never happened.

Member Miller asked Mr. Croy how he arrived at the numbers in Table 2 - Annual trip projection analysis from July 31<sup>st</sup> - of the Analysis. Mr. Croy explained that he took the projected number of trips from 2005 through 2010 completed by 07/31 trips. Member Miller stated he feels there's a math error in his calculations. Mr. Croy agreed that it gives them the 27 million threshold at end of 2011 instead of the middle of the year and Member Miller agreed.

No further questions from the Board.

The Chair granted intervention status to the intervenors.

Neal Tomlinson, attorney for Frias, asked to defer to the end.

DAG Scott Davis stated that if anyone that wants to offer sworn testimony, have the court reporter swear them in.

Jonathan Schwartz, Director of Yellow/Checker/Star, stated he is going to address the allocation. Bill Shranko, Director of Operations will address an investigation by MPI Investigators regarding loss of market share due to solicitation of limos, Mike Pfriendler, Private Investigator will also offer testimony and General Counsel Marc Gordon may offer comments. Therefore, they were sworn in by the court reporter.

Jonathan Schwartz commented the theory behind the number 24 is that drivers can adequately service the community by doing 24 trips per shift. After analyzing March, April, May and June of 2011 he feels that no



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additional medallions are needed for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday because the trips are below 24, but what is needed is additional medallions, an additional day and time extensions are needed for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday because the numbers are above 24 trips. He suggested 7 cabs for 24 hours on those days only and the public will be serviced adequately.

Member Miller asked from what shifts were these numbers taken and why for these shifts only. Bill Shranko of YCS commented that the numbers were taken over a 24 month period. He commented that this year was a very good year and when people come in, it's usually on a Thursday, especially during conventions.

Member Miller commented that they were looking at swing shift from the statistics that they offered the Board. He asked them to comment on the averages for the day shift as well and if they are lower, why are they asking for 24/7 medallions as opposed to just for swing shift. Mr. Shranko stated they are not asking for 24/7, they are asking for the 11 black medallions to be modified from Thursday, 12 noon, which he said is what Nellis is also asking for, until Monday at 2:00 PM to cover all busy times, correcting Member Miller's comment about wanting 24/7 medallions because they anticipate day shift getting busier. Mr. Schwartz stated that the majority of business is during swing shift. Member Miller asked does he want 7 medallions for a 24-hour period or does it mean each of their companies would have 7 additional medallions on the road for the entire time – Thursday at 12 Noon to Sunday at 2:00 PM, which gives the companies the flexibility to put them out when they are needed. Mr. Shranko commented Monday at 2:00 PM. Mr. Schwartz said extra medallions are needed for those days and may be needed on Monday when people are leaving. Mr. Schwartz said 5 – 7 medallions. Mr. Shranko stated that MAGIC is now in town and business is better than it has been in years.

Member Hardy questioned if the ideal number of trips is 24 and Mr. Schwartz said yes because if more than 24, then the public is not being served. Mr. Shranko commented that the system was never put in the 706s, it was just a suggestion as to where to start a discussion.

Mr. Schwartz introduced Mr. Pfriendr of MP Investigations. He gave background of himself before going into his purpose of the investigation which was requested by 6 companies. He explained that the companies asked him to go to 8 locations throughout Las Vegas to see if he was approached by limousines for a ride. They were approached by limo drivers at the entrance of Caesar's Palace/Forum Shoppes, the entrance to Joe's Seafood and Stone Crab while they were standing in a cab line as directed by the valet. Some of the other locations they were not approached by limo drivers, but they only did this for 5 nights for 3 or 4 hours. He commented that if they were approached many times by limo drivers in this short period of time, he only wonders how many times it is actually happening throughout the City at hotels, businesses and other places of business. Bill Shranko asked him if they were ever offered a free ride from a limo driver. Mr. Pfriendr said yes. The Chair asked how many times and he said at least 4 for limo service to strip clubs. Mr. Shranko asked him what his investigation showed regarding the market share and he commented that if it happened that often during the short period of time they did their investigation he cannot imagine in a 24-hour period what it would be.

Jay Nady, owner of A Cab. He said that his company's number have shown that the economy is slowly recovering at least in the residential area where he serves the public. He said if the Board gives the companies what some are asking for – 20 medallions – his company could handle that because his drivers would make more money. He feels that if business is slow, let the owner decide when to take the cabs off the road. He commented that his employees' revenue has decreased and his expenses have increased with regard to gas, insurance. He talked about his employees' wages, new dispatch system which will let a drive pick up faster so he feels it would help his company to have additional medallions. He also commented that he is hoping the new system will help drivers when someone calls all the companies for a ride and takes the first cab that arrives which is why drivers of other companies do not like local calls. He



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commented that his trips per month for 2011 are up 16.9%, revenue per medallion is up 12.6% and his revenue per shift is up 21.2%. He said his drivers have never made more money.

Esther Rodriguez, attorney for A Cab, noted that in Frias' brief they referred to NRS 706.8824 which is to determine whether an allocation benefits the riding public. Member Nolan asked them to comment on staff's presentation. Mr. Nady said the statistics don't show how much more traffic there is now and how much harder it is to get around town. His company also works with the people in his area where they can call the day before and schedule a pick up which, he says, YCS also does. He commented that the statistics come mostly from the corridor, casinos, downtown and the airport, not in the suburbs, but he feels whatever the Board decides to allocate, they will absorb them in the suburbs.

Jamie Pino, Nellis Cab, stated that Las Vegas is a weekend destination and he is basing his presentation on 2 exhibits which are the TA's year-to-year comparison. He gave the Board his Exhibits. He commented that the economy is getting better referring to the statistics in his exhibits. He pointed out that trips in June 2011 were up 4.3% which equates to 97,974 more trips today than in June. He commented that the Electric Daisy Carnival boosted all the numbers and they are scheduled to come back for the next 5 years. He feels an allocation would help drivers, companies' market share and add new drivers. He said Nellis is asking for a modification of the 11 black weekend medallions to operate from Thursday at 12:00 PM through Monday at 2:00 PM for any consecutive 12 hour shift and an additional 6 medallions for the same time to be in service immediately. They would also like an additional 6 -24/7 medallions put in service 1 a month for the next 6 months with the first being effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Member Nolan asked why one medallion a month for 6 months and Mr. Pino explained that with the last allocation in 2007, they were done that way and it is easier for the companies to absorb them than if they are put out all at once. Member Hardy questioned Mr. Pino why more medallions are needed when the stats he presented showed that percentages are lower now than they were and Mr. Pino explained that it is not determined by trips per shift but by the total number of trips.

George Balaban, owner of Desert Cab, stated that he supports Nellis' recommendation because of their steady increase in shift revenue throughout 2011. He feels because the arguments of the other companies will be because of drivers' wages, he feels it is better to look at the revenue numbers. He looks at serving the public, the drivers look at their wages show his exhibits are about revenue per shift. He feels the industry should be proactive and these extra medallions are important. He said with additional medallions, the companies can put them out when they see the need or pull them off the road if they are not needed which they can do with the 24/7 medallions. He went on to explain his exhibits to the Board. He also went on to explain why he agrees with Nellis' recommendation of the additional 6 - 24/7 medallions, adding them one each month. He said that when additional permanent medallions are added, companies have to buy new cars and have them converted into taxicabs, so getting one at a time helps; new drivers will be added for each new cab will allow for the training of the drivers at a smaller percentage. He commented that looking at the numbers on weekends, if the expansion of time and addition of weekend medallions is not granted, they will lose market share and they will lose to the other modes of transportation. Member Hardy asked if he was looking at revenue as opposed to YCS looking at trips per shift and Nellis on total number of shifts. He replied yes. There was a conversation between Member Hardy and Mr. Balaban about fuel increases, rate increases since 2007. Member Miller asked Mr. Balaban why his revenue per shift is significantly higher than average revenues per shift. Mr. Balaban explained that he shifts are 10-hour shifts and when a driver comes in at the end of his shift, another driver takes that cab out – they don't park their cars between shifts which means they are out 24 hours, especially on the weekends, and they don't have shorter shifts. He explained also to Member Miller that they are not a unionized company so they work differently than the companies that have a union. Mr. Balaban commented that they also do a lot of radio calls.





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Esther Rodriguez, A Cab's attorney, commented that neither Jay Nady nor Jamie Pino were sworn in and wants anyone giving testimony to be sworn in. Witnesses were sworn in.

Marilyn Moran, Western Cab, supports Nellis – 6 new weekend medallions to run from Thursday at 12:00 through Monday at 12:00 noon, as well as the 6 – 24/7 medallions phased in at 1 a month. She commented that Western would like to use those medallions at their discretion. She said she hopes that with these additional allocations that no one will ask for temporary medallions during small conventions throughout the year. Member Miller asked for her justification of the 24/7 medallions and she said that it would be easier phasing them in at 1 per month because of needing additional cars and hiring additional drivers and with the 24/7 medallions they can use them on days that she feels they are needed. The Chair asked if she supports the extension of the weekend medallions and she said yes.

Cheryl Knapp, Whittlesea/Henderson – she asked to comment on some things that were said prior to her – one being the slots for taxicabs at the airport being reduced from 6 to 4 because of visitor volume – she said there was an increase in visitors from June 2010 to June 2011 – so that wasn't true. She said that it was said that the trigger formula of 24 trips was used to determine a need for an allocation, but was used by Staff to put an allocation on the agenda. Prior to that, if an allocation was requested the company had to file an application, pay the \$200 to put it on the agenda for discussion and it was occurring monthly because of the growth, so to simplify things a trigger formula was set up so staff would automatically put it on the agenda if they saw that trips per shift were at 24 and it was not an automatic allocation, they had to present evidence for the need. She also commented about the hours her drivers work because of their collective bargaining agreement, they can only have 25% of their shifts exceed 10 hours unless the Board allocates temporary medallions that are on a 12-hour basis. With regard to the issue at hand, Ms. Knapp explained her graphs that she had given the Board that show the different shifts and the numbers and stated that January through July of this year have been the best ever. She supports Nellis' recommendation of expanding the weekend medallions to Thursday at noon through Monday at 2:00 PM and continuous so that she has the flexibility of scheduling the shifts. With regard to the 24/7 medallions being staggered, she agrees with that recommendation and staggering them gives the companies time to get additional cars and hire the drivers needed.

Richard Segerbloom represented USW and ITPEU and the Alliance. He was sworn in. He stated he agrees 100% with staff and had a power point to show as well as a handout for the Board. They looked at visitor volume. He commented on the last allocation in 2007 and said that was to cover until the summer of 2008 when everyone thought many hotels were going to open and people would be coming, but instead there was the recession. He stated visitor volume dropped in 2007 and we still have met what was projected then. He agreed revenue is up, but because of the 20-cent fuel surcharge given in 2007 and the rate increase in 2008. He said there haven't been any complaints from the airport, restaurants or hotels that they cannot get a cab when needed. He agreed things are improving, but why allocate when it's just beginning, no trend has been set. He feels that there are no indicators to allocate additional medallions. He supports Staff's recommendation and feels that because he has not seen any numbers showing that the 2007 allocation has been absorbed and doesn't think an allocation should be given until such numbers are made available. The Chair questioned if he supports Staff's recommendation for weekend allocation and he said he did not hear that from staff and Mr. Croy said he did not say that. Mr. Croy explained that staff was waiting to be asked about it and then would give staff's recommendation which the Chair now asked for. Mr. Croy stated that per YCSs numbers, medallions are needed on Saturday swing shift and the medallions would have to be expanded. The Chair asked Mr. Segerbloom is that is what he is supporting and he said no the unions are not supporting that. The Chair commented that in the materials given the Board by Staff, they do support weekend allocation. Mr. Croy commented that Staff does not support Monday expansion because what was originally presented by Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – not Monday.



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After clarification from Mr. Croy which was 3-5 additional medallions to run Thursday, Friday and Saturday and be off the road by Sunday at 2:00 PM. Mr. Segerbloom said they would oppose that. The Chair stated that they actually spoke with Chris Anderson at the airport and was told there is no need for additional medallions.

Mr. Tomlinson commented that he objects to the testimony because it is hearsay. The Chair stopped him and Member Hardy commented that just about everything that has been said today is hearsay. DAG Davis told the Chair she needs to address the objection. The DAG told the Chair that the objection is asking the Board not to consider his statement and the Chair said she'll allow the Board to consider that. Member Miller asked how he got his numbers and Mr. Segerbloom said from YCSs board where they were posted and given to him by a driver.

Mr. Tomlinson said that Mr. Awad of Lucky Cab asked to go before him.

Jason Awad, owner of Lucky Cab, commented that with the economy the way it is and people cannot find jobs, the Board should allocate so a lot of people will get jobs because when an allocation is made, new drivers have to be hired and he'd like the headlines to read that the Board has created several hundred of jobs for people in Las Vegas. He asked they take everything into consideration and do the right thing.

Neal Tomlinson, attorney for Frias, said he brought 2 witnesses - Dr. Stephen Brown, Professor of Economics at UNLV and John Hickman, COO for Frias. He said that he wants to correct 2 exhibits he presents in his amended petition – Exhibit 6 – at the bottom it should say “source TA, not LVCVA”. The numbers come from the TA and the projected numbers come from Dr. Brown. Exhibit 10 – under Limo and Bus Industry – it should have said 66 applications for new or expanded bus or limo services have been filed from January 2007 to July 2011.

He continued – he has corrections to many comments that have been made earlier regarding the 2007 hearing at which he was present. Today people are saying the allocation then was for anticipated growth that never happened and he said that is completely wrong because in the Order from 2007 is clearly states that the allocation was made due to staff's statistics. He said he wanted to submit Exhibit 15 that is from LVCVA called “Hotel Casino Development Construction Bulletin”. At that time, staff and everyone recommended 11 medallions – 10 and one handicap – and the Board allocated 6 which the Board based their recommendation on the growth from 2007 to the middle of 2008. Any projections that people have talked about were untrue statements because they did not fall under the allocation period which what the allocation was based on.

Another issue he wants to address is regarding an application he filed in September of 2010 requesting additional medallions, a hearing was held, evidence presented and no objections to their request and the Board denied their application. Frias appealed it because they felt they had a good reason for the request, but they withdrew their appeal because there is now a new Board and a new Administrator and they look forward to their decision. Mr. Tomlinson asked the Chair if the Board to take judicial or administrative notice of the exhibits and testimony that were filed in September, 2010 that was filed by Frias which is not part of their current package it part of the public record they filed, not part of the 15 exhibits today. The Chair agreed.

Mr. Tomlinson commented on Member Hardy's earlier comment of all being hearsay and stated that is why he has filed exhibits and brought witnesses, because the Board's decision has to be based on substantial evidence. He said looking at charts, revenue per shift has increased. He commented that people should not be waiting in line for cabs, they should be available which is why wait time should be part of the equation not just trips per shift. He pointed out that the only consideration by statute that the Board has is the riding public and that's what you have to consider. They have asked Dr. Brown to review the relevant economic



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tourism and transportation industry data and make a recommendation which is Exhibit 2 is his CV. Dr. Brown feels that there will not be a “double dip recession” even though we are making a slow recovery. Looking at his data, he says visitor volume has been slowly growing from 2009 and has grown 5% for the first six months, as well as casino revenue, taxi trips and they are stronger than visitor volume. He feels that LVCVAs statistics are more accurate than statistics from the airport. He made a personal comment that while at the Aria on a Sunday afternoon, he noticed a long line of people waiting cabs and only 2 cabs available. Member Nolan asked if he took conventions into consideration and he said no, but that CES earlier this year had it highest volume of participants. Member Nolan commented that there are a lot more indicators to make any determinations that what Dr. Brown had mentioned. Member Miller questioned them about the fact that if the numbers are just meeting 2007, why would the Board allocate more medallions now. Mr. Tomlinson questioned Dr. Brown about several of his projections and Dr. Brown commented that all his projections were very conservative.

John Hickman, COO, Frias, explained how his drivers are making more money this year. He commented on spreading out the permanent allocation makes it easier for the larger companies especially to be able to get additional vehicles and drivers. He feels discussion should be about what is needed and nothing else. He explained the exhibits and volume increasing in 2011 and why an allocation is needed. He commented that March 2011 was the best month in the history of Frias in terms of trips, with May being the second largest, as well as April being their largest April. He commented the buses have been expanding their fleet during the non-allocation period and we may be losing rides to that entity as well as buses and limos. Frias has increased their advertisement to try to gain their market share, as well as working with Stop DUI and the Sheriff’s Department. Their dispatch has been increased by almost 400%. The also had a digital dispatch system installed for radio calls so they can determine who is near the call for a quick response. With regard to wait time, he said if they have to wait too long in a cab line, they will seek other modes of transportation. He had 2 employees video cab lines to see how long they were and how long people were waiting and Exhibit 16 is a video of this which was as given as evidence. Mr. Tomlinson moved to admit Exhibit 16 – accepted by the Chair. Member Nolan asked if the were time and date stamped and Mr. Tomlinson said yes and location. The one he showed was at Mandalay on August 1, 2011 in the afternoon. Mr. Hickman went on to explain what the video showed. The Chair asked if there was any footage other than during shift changes and Mr. Hickman explained that their shift changes are from 12:00 to 3:00 and their cabs are on the road at 5:30. The Chair commented that every time footage is shown, it either during shift changes or when shows are let out. Further discussion went on between John Hickman and the Board regarding their exhibits and how Frias came up with their request for additional medallions. Frias is requesting 20 medallions per company based on their study, charts and other information presented to the Board. Mr. Tomlinson commented that this request for an allocation for the one-year allocation period and there has not been an allocation for 4 years.

Mark James was sworn in and spoke on behalf of Frias stating that they have had the best statistics this year and with all factors presented that were national factors, national economy, etc. does not reflect on Las Vegas. He said there’s a lot of people coming to Las Vegas and their needs need to be met. He commented that the annual review, which is mandated by the Legislature to review every year for a one-year period and no allocations have been given for several years. Meanwhile, 60 or so new limo certificates have been granted and they are asking for additional limos which is pending. Mr. James said the limo company owners have formed a Limousine Operators Association to try to in and fight it. Limos are taking taxi business away from the cab companies. RTC has increased their buses and routes. He said he has hired people who will tell him that an allocation is needed because conventions are not being serviced and we may lose those conventions because of poor cab service. He feels Frias’ request for 20 medallions is what is needed; put them out over a year and when conventions come in, there will be enough cabs available that a temporary allocation will not be necessary. He commented that this is a cab town and allocations need to be made. Mr. James commented that whatever they do has to be approved by the Board and an allocation has not been made in 4 years and they have the proof that more cabs are needed.





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Neal Tomlinson made a motion to strike the testimony and presentation by United Steelworkers and the Unions and the Chair said they will not do that. She said they are going by Robert's Rules. Mr. Tomlinson asked if he can put his argument on record so it's preserved and the Chair granted that. He went on to explain why he wanted to strike USW presentation because it was speculative and he went on to explain why he feels it was speculative. As the only attorney on the Board, Member Hardy commented that everything they have heard was somewhat relevant and his decision will be based on everything that he has heard and received no matter what it was. He stated he appreciates all the time and effort everyone has put into their presentations and he will take everything into consideration. While Frias was preparing their presentation for the Board over the last few months which included a meeting the Administrator, filing their intervention, amending their intervention and presenting extra exhibits at this meeting, they never had any knowledge of staff making a recommendation until today. The only thing agreed with Mr. Croy is when he asked the Board if we are meeting the needs of the riding public and that is what the Board has to decide. After a question from Member Miller if they were asking for 24/7 medallions, Mr. Tomlinson stated that yes they are and the companies can then manage when to put them in use.

The Chair asked for discussion from the Board. Member Miller felt the Nellis' proposal was the most compelling and explained why. He feels weekend has the most significant need. The Chair agreed. She also feels allocating some permanent 24/7 medallion is also necessary as well as increasing the time on the weekends of Monday at 2:00 PM. Mr. Miller was not sure about the 24/7 medallions. Member Nolan stated that what their decision has to be part of what the drivers are saying on the street level aspect, not on the profitability of the companies, or the competition out their or their expenses, it is the riding public. He agrees data shows that medallions are needed. He agrees with staggering the medallions. He feels the Board agrees with weekend medallions, but the 24/7 are in question. The Chair commented that they are doing this for a year.

The Chair thanked the drivers for coming in and that she and the Board appreciate what they do, but the Board has to make a fair decision to accommodate the riding public. Member Hardy agrees with the weekend addition of medallions and expansion of time. The Chair asked for a motion on the extension of time on the weekend medallions.

Part I of the motion for weekend medallions –

Motion: Modify schedule presented by Nellis Cab  
Made by: Member Miller  
Second: Chair Drobkin – she asked for any discussion and there was none  
Vote: Passed unanimously

Part 2 of the motion for additional weekend medallions –

Motion: For additional weekend medallions  
Made by: Member Nolan  
Seconded: Member Miller  
Vote: Passed unanimously

The Chair asked for a motion on the 24/7 medallions.

Motion: 6 additional 24/7 medallions  
Made by: Member Miller  
Second: Chair Drobkin – she asked for any discussion – Member Hardy doesn't feels there was not enough explanation as to why revenue was up and comparing 2007 to 2011, the trips per shift is about the same, therefore, he cannot understand why the public is not being served.



Member Miller commented that the companies are not going to spend money on additional cabs and what comes with the expense of additional cabs unless they see a need for their company to have them. He feels if someone doesn't like where they are working or what they are doing, go elsewhere if they can find another job. He supports the motion. The Chair asked for a vote:

Vote: Passed – 3:1 – Member Hardy not in agreement

Stephanie Edelman of USW asked the Board if the medallions will be staggered. Member Miller commented that he was following the recommendation exactly as stated by Nellis Cab, therefore, one medallion a month from September 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **7. Public Comment**

Mike Jones talked about market share – packages from hotels give packages which includes rental cars. Every cab company owns a limo company, he doesn't understand the question of market share. People are walking on the Strip because they are on a budget, hotels have dropped room rates during the week. Only time till tell.

Ruthie Jones agrees that this is going to be a disaster. She stated that the NRS is not considered, the drivers are not being considered.

Kevin Wilson is upset and felt Mr. Tomlinson's comments regarding the unions was rude. Drivers don't speak up at the meetings because they'll be fired. Companies have no compassion.

An unidentified driver stated that he has been driving a cab for 1 year and 8 months and with this allocation his wages will be affected and the Board does not care. He cannot make enough money to pay his bills. Doesn't understand why more cabs were given.

Thomas Kelly – complimented Jason Awad comments about making everyone's life better. He only had one customer and that was because the driver in front of him wouldn't take it because it was a short ride.

Ashad – doesn't understand why an allocation.

Jason Awad – thanked the Board for their decision – it has created a lot of jobs.

## **\*8. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Annual Review of Rates. (for possible action)**

The Chair stated that this item would be heard at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **9. Staff Report**

Kelly Kuzik commented that everything has been discussed and had nothing else to add.

## **10. Report of Legal Counsel**

DAG Davis commented that the District Court made a decision on the Handicab matter and upheld the Board's order. He also commented that the Taxicab Authority had been participating in a Supreme Court in a case concerning Washoe County and the Supreme Court had issued a decision in that case.



**\*11. Adjournment**

Motion: Adjourn  
By: Member Nolan  
Second: Chair Drobkin  
Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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

**Approved by:**

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**Ileana Drobkin, Chairman** **Date**

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**Charles D. Harvey, Administrator** **Date**

