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

April 9, 2012

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Monday, April 9th, 2012. The meeting was held at Cashman Center Theater, 850 North Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The meeting began at 9:27 A.M.

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Drobkin called the meeting to order at 9:27 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Pledge was led by Member Miller.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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

4. Public Comment.

Prior to Public Comment, Chairman Drobkin thanked everyone for coming.

Steven Lanett asked all the drivers in attendance to be respectful throughout the meeting. He commented that service for the SHOT show was ok.

Aaron Gambeau commented about the empty stands at LVCVA and how there is a lot of traffic. Feels there are enough cabs to on the road to handle everything. He wanted the Board to know that conventioners are different now because they don't party as much and due to the economy they don't spend as much. He commented about how Frias handles their shifts – supervisor sent a drunk cabdriver on the road for a couple of hours; sick drivers are asked to work for a while; extra medallions are sitting unused. He again stated that there are enough cabs on the road.



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Kevin Wilson commented that at the last meeting he talked about injustices of the owners and board because he feels no one is listening to the drivers. He said that some drivers were fired after the last meeting. He commented that companies at the last meeting stated that more medallions on the road means more money for the drivers and he said "that's a line". He made a comment about the issues in the newspaper about Mark James. He asked the Board not to give any medallions at this time.

Anthony Marzolla showed a newspaper article about Mark James to the Board. He told the Board that he was fired after the last meeting and has basically been run out of town because of the comments that he made. He said his comments at that time were out of frustration because he cannot make any money which he blamed on the Board for their allocation of additional permanent medallions last August.

George Allen said it's the same situation as last time. He told the Board to look at the cabstands throughout the day and night and see how many cabs are waiting to get a fare. No one can get onto the properties.

Philip Rodman questioned prior statements from cab company representatives that radio calls were the reason for increased revenue levels instead of long hauling. He said that out of the 6,000 cabs on the road, he feels 3,000 are cheating. He said a lot of tourists are being ripped off. He said Mark James is always wanting more cabs. He asked the Board not to give any more medallions.

Don Nail commented that cabs are the best way to service the public. The public complains of the wait times for cabs, but they still stand in line for shuttles. He commented that Desert teaches their drivers how to long haul. He commented that people getting into cabs at the airport question the drivers about long hauling and tell other people how Las Vegas rips people off.

Shane Axelrod challenged the Board to ride with him and see how much money he makes.

Ben Kashir commented that he doesn't know why the drivers keep coming back to the meetings when they know what's going to happen. He pleaded with the Board to decide once and for all no more cabs please. He said he has no money to feed his family.

Sam Moffitt stated that up until a couple of years ago, there had never been special or emergency meetings for an allocation of medallions and now there seems to be one every month or so. He stated he remembers one in December, 2010, for NFR and then for the SHOT Show and March Madness and NASCAR. He pointed out to the Board the stats that TA staff compiled for February of 2012 compared to February 2011 and how trips per shift are down from last year. He also commented how "some people are having a hard time dealing with being denied a wish". He commented that when an "enormous" amount of taxis were allocated last year it was stated that there would be no need for monthly meetings to call for temporary allocations. He feels that the request for additional medallions for NAB should be denied. He asked to have it officially on record that these "emergency or special meetings be halted, unless it is a true emergency" and not someone whining. He also commented on the Fuel Surcharge stating that a workshop was held and the trigger point was \$4.25.

Michael Zarwa commented that if everyone took Paradise and not the thruway, the roads would be crowded.

Melanie Rodgers asked the Board to remove the black medallions. She commented that the Macau properties are taking money away from Las Vegas.



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Lenal Crosley stated that at the last meeting it was stated that there should not be any meetings due to the permanent allocation that was supposed to take care of the small conventions. She said that the Board is really killing the drivers and her company is not asking for any more cabs and asked that the Board to ride in the cabs and see what is going on.

John Calow offered comments which were inaudible.

JT Rodgers stated the economy is bad, why more cabs. The taxi industry is the only place in the city that is hiring. No one else has emergency meetings. He stated that he does not long haul.

Chris Shell said he is proud to be a member of the #1 cab industry in the country and asked the Board not to change that image. He said he has a problem with Mark James' comments as to why more cabs are needed. He stated that if ads were removed from cabs he could understand not making money and he said that would never happen.

Ishwana commented she used to love cabs and now hates them. She said a lot of cabs are always waiting at the hotels and that more cabs is not the answer.

Omar Riojo commented that honest drivers are becoming long haulers so they can make money because they do what they have to do to survive. He said there's a lot of competition with limos and shuttles and feels the Board should not allow this to happen.

Sam Milner commented that Desert, Lucky and Nellis drivers have to long haul to make money. He challenged the Board to drive a taxi for a week and see the frustration. He told the Board before they make a decision, they should investigate first. He said the black medallions were not needed; drivers are being chased away from the airport and they are the ones that sell Las Vegas.

Taries Tesemeh commented that a lot of drivers are not here because they are working. He told the Board how many medallions are on the road on the weekends and how long hauling is created by the companies and that drivers have to put their own money in to make book. They also have to pick up flags to make averages. He said the companies tell the drivers where to go. He asked what it would take not to have the Board give any more medallions and begged the Board not to give any more. He said the Nellis and Desert keep long hauling.

Nathan Bionko stated that his salary is down 76% - he has to pay for gas and other expenses. He is begging for no more cabs. He said he works on his days off because he cannot afford to take the time off. He said the permanent medallions were not needed. He is now waiting an hour for a ride and would like to make a living without working 6 days a week. He said that no cabs are needed for NAB.

Kader Kwi asked why there are always meetings for more medallions when they are not needed and why doesn't the Board see what's going on. He asked why they only think of the owners. He said the Hard Rock management should be contacted. He also commented that a lot of drivers can't feed their kids.

Ward Kishimoto commented that he understands how to stop long hauling and that is not to have any more medallions. He commented that in 13 years he never booked \$500 and some drivers are averaging \$400 on weekends. He said there's a reason for them making that much. He said that NAB comes in on Monday and leaves on Thursday and no medallions are needed as conventioners are gone by the last day.



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Jason White commented that there are 2467 cabs on the road and TA officers are probably tired of writing tickets for staging on the street too many cabs and not enough room. No more cabs are needed.

Jay Steiger asked the Board to consider the impact of the quality of drivers with more cabs on the road. He said that when he started driving, drivers were considerate and now they are rude. He said it is getting too dog eat dog because of the pressures from the companies. He commented that the companies are making money with the ads on their cabs.

Kimberly Joyce offered comments which were inaudible

Kelly Obong thanked the drivers for being courteous. She commented that drivers are breaking laws just to get a ride, and that there are enough cabs to handle NAB.

Gitachew did speak about long hauling.

A YCS Driver whose name was inaudible talked about police officers hiding in the tunnel, giving out tickets.

Mistea Hailo commented the first thing he wanted to say was God Bless America. He commented that it was not a good idea for more cabs. There have been accidents because drivers are blocking streets everywhere. He said that the United States is the best country for human beings. Vegas is very different. He said God Bless America, the best country for freedom.

Dina Cato said that everything has pretty much been said and hopes board understands. She said that she and others have to go on welfare because they don't make enough money. She said she drives a cab because she lost her other job and loves Las Vegas and does not want to leave Las Vegas. She said she started driving cabs a while ago and loved it, but now hates it. She doesn't feel like talking to customers, tips are low and she can't make any money. She said that conventioners don't go out as they did in the past; they stay at their hotel. She said if she makes \$200 in 12 hours she's lucky. She has a daughter that she cannot spend time with; can't pay her bills. She is hoping the Board doesn't give any medallions. She said she can't understand why they are still coming to meetings when cabs are not needed.

Caroline Acbach commented that there is no place for cabs to stage; no additional cabstands have been added; more cabs do not mean more drivers make more money. She begged the Board not to give anymore medallions.

Stephanie Edelman commented that the Board should rely on the stats to do their job. The numbers should be good before an allocation is given and numbers are not good. She feels what needs to be defined is the situation of blown shifts. She said that Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the slowest days and drivers are being called in day and night to drive. She commented that the Chairman asked how the companies were doing with hiring back in December and feels the Chairman should be asking that question again now. She said that there are geos sitting in the yard because of no drivers. If these geos were on the road, no extra medallions would be needed.

Wayne Haverfield talked to the TA about long hauling and that he was told that don't have enough staff to handle it.



Ruthie Jones thanked the drivers for coming. She asked the drivers who came to the meeting instead of working and asked that they speak to the drivers that were not able to come. She said it is the driver's livelihood and they should be at the meetings. She said that the drivers want to thank YCS and Western for their decision not to get more cabs and thanked the Board for not giving any more medallions. She commented that the certificate holders call the drivers thugs and wanted to know who holds the companies for their actions.

***5. Approval of the January 24th, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes and the February 28th, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. (for possible action).**

Motion: Approve Minutes from January 24th and February 28th Board Meetings
By: Member Dean Collins
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Discussion with Steve Patterson/Davy Ann Noahr, LVCVA, regarding the taxicab service during the past months.

Chair Drobkin thanked Steve Patterson and Davy Ann Noahr and their staff for all their work in getting the Cashman Theater for this meeting.

Steve Patterson said that there were no complaints regarding the service during ASD with 50,000 attendees and no complaints and adequately serviced. He commented NAB is the next convention with a projected 100,000 attendees because of pre-registration being so high. He said it is a full facility event and into some of the parking lots due to new broadcasting equipment. He said that none of the taxicab stands will be affected by this convention. He thanked everyone for their participation in the upcoming Wednesday meeting for their Transportation Strategy. They reached out to the Unions, road supervisors and companies to help make adjustments to work better in the future. They are planning to talk about operations, roadways and they will discuss future communication. He said there would also be a slide show showing their future plans.

Member Miller asked Mr. Patterson about any special arrangements for cab pick up or would it be the same traffic pattern as CES and would there be the same resources with LVMPD at the crosswalks. Mr. Patterson said the same resources and traffic support from LVMPD as CES.

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

Mr. Zamaria stated that service has greatly improved and he is looking internally about in and out of the cabs along with Metro, as well as limos staging and exhibitors loading and unloading. There are still some gaps on Fridays when the shows break. He said they are continuing to change things for the better and has also spoken with the drivers for their opinions.

Member Collins asked if it would be critical with NAB and Mr. Zamaria stated they only have a small portion of that before the start of NAB and the last day, but cabs are still needed for exhibitors staying at their hotel.

8. Discussion with Harry Waters, Assistant Director of Aviation for Landside Operations at McCarran Airport.

Mr. Waters did not attend.



***9. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the request of Ace Cab, Inc. Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc. and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc. for a review of fuel prices and the fuel surcharge; and for inclusion of this item on each future agenda. (for possible action)**

Kelly Kuzik made staff's presentation stating that in April, 2011, fuel surcharge was put on agenda for discussion with the outcome being when fuel reach \$4.50 per gallon it would be reviewed. The criteria was not met, it came close, but not met and at this point doesn't know if it qualifies from the April, 2011 Order.

Member Hardy asked how close it got and Mr. Kuzik stated that to \$4.32 a gallon the last week in March. He said he monitors it weekly. Member Nolan commented that, per news, nationally prices have fallen and asked Mr. Kuzik if what he monitors agrees. Mr. Kuzik said it monitors the real time price and will check it today. The website he monitors is from California and is typically 30 – 40 cents higher than what Las Vegas is depending on time of year. Member Miller asked for current reading and Kelly told him \$4.32 and a half last week.

John Hickman, COO, Frias – agrees with staff and their interpretation. He wants to be proactive and agrees it has dropped over the past weeks. Frias wanted to be sure it was addressed if it goes over \$4.45 a gallon. He asked if the Board had any instructions on how they should react.

Member Nolan asked if there was a threshold length of time to be sustained for the Board to take action because the price is going down. Mr. Kuzik read the Order from April, 2011 and stated there was no threshold indicated on how long just reviewing when it reaches \$4.45. The Order stated it would be removed if price per gallon went to \$3.35 for 30 consecutive calendar days. Member Nolan recommended that if they see it go down for the 30 consecutive days then they will address the situation. Mr. Kuzik asked Scott Davis, DAG, what the protocol was. DAG Davis stated the Board may amend its prior orders setting the fuel surcharge, and under the current order if the price goes above the threshold for a number of days there be no basis to call an emergency meeting but could be addressed at a regular meeting. Mr. Kuzik stated the Frias can have it put on the agenda, but staff is also monitoring it and if it gets higher and another change has to be made, the TA has enough meter seals and staff to complete the change if need be.

Member Miller asked Mr. Kuzik to explain to the Board how the change is done. Kelly said to do a meter change considering it just one criteria and with the new technology in the meters, approximately \$12,000 cost to the Taxicab Authority and it has to be done on overtime because it can't be done during regular work hours because they have to be changed at the same time because of the number of cabs to be changed there would be no discrepancy in the amount of money each company would be getting. Mr. Kuzik stated that it takes the cooperation of the companies and TA staff to start the process all at the same time. This change can be done without driving the measured mile. This change is done with the help of Vehicle Inspectors, Investigators and some other staff. Member Miller also asked if there is a change, would staff give an overview on how the fuel surcharge came to be and Mr. Kuzik said yes.

Chair Drobkin stated she has no problem keeping this issue on the agenda.

Jamie Pino, Nellis – asked to wait.

George Balaban, Desert – he supports Frias and would like to keep it on the agenda.



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Stephanie Edelman, USW – stated the USW represents Western drivers and supports keeping the fuel surcharge on the agenda as well. She said that the USDOE gives the information on gas prices as well. She feels that the West Coast region minus California should be viewed and also feels the Order should be modified to indicate West Coast minus California.

Whittlesea, YCS, Lucky Cab, A Cab all support Frias. No one present from Western Cab.

Richard Segerbloom. ITPEU, agrees with Member Nolan regarding 30 days before talking about it.

Chair Drobkin and Member Hardy stated they have no problem keeping the issue on the agenda each month. Member Hardy agrees with Member Miller regarding it going up for a few days no emergency meeting would be needed, just wait until the next scheduled meeting.

Motion: for inclusion of this item on each future agenda when it comes close to cap.
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Member Nolan
Member Nolan asked the DAG if the Board can institute 30 day period for price to sustain or is it policy or regulatory – DAG said it can be set by Order and the term can be put in the Order. Member Nolan stated 45 days.
Vote: Passed unanimously

***10. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the temporary allocation of medallions for the 2012 National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority from April 16, 2012 through April 19, 2012 with an anticipated attendance of 85,000. (for possible action)**

Brock Croy made his Staff presentation – stated he reviewed the 2011 numbers for NAB and the result being that all types of medallions on the road did well. There were 25 trips per shift and feels the August permanent allocation should cover those allocated for last year's NAB. With Monday and Tuesday being their busiest days, additional cabs will not be needed because of the permanent allocation for those days.

Chair Drobkin asked if that stands with the expected 100,000 attendance. Mr. Croy said yes.

Jamie Pino, Nellis – stated that February 2011 through February 2012 trips per shift are minus; monthly trips for February 2011 to February 2012 for the whole industry increased by 10.03, therefore, feels the August allocation has almost been absorbed. He stated there were a lot more total trips than last year. He said regarding the conversation of welfare of drivers, he needs to follow guidelines of servicing public. He request is as follows: *Monday, 04/16 – 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 6 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM – any 12 hour shift; Tuesday, 04/17 - 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 6 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM – any 12 hour shift; Wednesday, 04/18 - 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 6 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM – any 12 hour shift; and Thursday, 04/19 - 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM.*

Member Miller stated he agrees with Jamie's statements about the average trips per shift and average trips which he feels says something about the number of cabs on the road. Jamie stated that he feels more trips per shift were due to the allocation given and stated that it gave more people jobs. Member Miller stated that the number being down 5% indicates there's still some room and Mr. Pino agreed stating the monthly trips means more demand. Member Miller stated that you cannot look at one month.



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Chair Drobkin asked him what was being done about getting cabs to LVCVA because of drivers not wanting to go there and what is Nellis doing about it.

Mr. Pino said they are doing the best they can be as the smallest company. He said there are road supervisors who communicate by radio to the drivers but it's hard to force drivers to go there. Due to his relationship with some of his drivers, some will go there. The road supervisors communicate the need of cabs at LVCVA by radio.

Member Hardy asked him by the August 2011 allocation can not cover this convention. Mr. Pino said that Vegas did not stop growing and per the TA states there was a huge change from 2011 to 2012 and the allocation in August has been absorbed. He wants to be sure the public is serviced and not by shuttles, buses or sedans.

George Balaban, Desert – stated his request is different from Nellis'. With the August allocation for weekends, he is not asking for Monday AM or Thursday PM because the allocation covers that. He stated it is busier now than last year; 2011 medallions were needed and absorbed; he is asking for 6 less medallions than last year; NAB is mid week not weekend. He addressed the driver comments about the ads on the cabs stating whether the cabs are on the road or sitting in the yard they are still getting paid. They don't make any extra money by having them on the road. He said he feels it would be a gigantic mistake by not giving an allocation. His request is: *Monday, 04/16 – 6 medallions 12 PM – 2 AM – any 12 hour period; Tuesday, 04/17 – 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 6 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM – any 12 hour period; Wednesday, 04/18 – 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 7 medallions – 12 PM – 1 AM – any 12 hour period and Thursday, 04/19 – 6 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM.*

Member Miller commented that his allocation is not overlapping with any additional cabs from August during mid week when same number of cabs are on the road. He asked if that is how they deal with the show breaks. He is asking for cabs when they are needed which is 7 AM -12 AM with the overlap handling that. He said that any big event, there are a lot of people come out at the same time and it is hard to handle them which is why he has his request for overlapping shifts. Their shift change is 3:00 in the afternoon or earlier so there will be cabs available for show breaks.

Member Nolan stated with show breaks being the hardest time to get cabs, is it because of shift changes. Mr. Balaban stated because they have to be out in 12 hour shifts 7 AM is the best time until 7 PM which is the best shift and 12 PM – 12 AM is also a productive shift. Member Nolan talked about advertising contracts and Mr. Balaban said he can only address his company. He stated that his advertising contract pays for every taxicab he owns. Member Nolan stated that contracts are different and Mr. Balaban said he did not know, but he doesn't get paid for ads on medallions, but ads per car.

Member Hardy asked about his proposal for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 per company and he said it could be between 2 and 7, but they like the flexibility of 12 – 2 due to the Tuesday drivers coming in work from noon to midnight and if it's busing at midnight and not noon they will come on the next day later and work later.

John Hickman, COO, Frias – agrees with Desert Cab. He would only add is that it is important to remember the companies' performance during March Madness. Frias received dozens of calls from the strip clubs asking for cabs during the weekend of March Madness. Even though this is mid week, he feels it would be a disaster not allocate for this event. Same request as Desert.

Stephanie Edelman, USW, stated they believe 100% in serving the LVCVA as well as the customers and believes it is being done. She said that Tuesday and Wednesday typically are the slowest days of the week so the drivers will work the convention center when this convention is in because of the fact



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that these are usually the slowest days. If companies could put out all their geo cabs, there would be more cabs servicing the right locations, but if they aren't put out, service is not there. She feels they have to work with the existing medallions they have. USW is not requesting any additional cabs because the August allocation will cover what is needed.

Member Miller asked her if average last year of 25 trips per shift above average. She commented that 25 rides would be great, but the average driver has less number of rides. Before 20-25 rides would be normal. Member Miller commented that last year's NAB had fewer people and there were 25 trips per shift and with the permanent allocation there are still fewer during show breaks and there was good service last year so he's trying to figure out what should be done. She said she doesn't know the answer, but put the existing medallions on the road for an entire shift not having drivers do 3 rides and going back to the yard. Have him work the 12 hours.

Cheryl Knapp, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi – stated that NAB is huge and they don't want to lose this convention if service isn't good. With 100,000 coming for NAB mid-week makes for an unusual mid week and they cannot be serviced without medallions. They are requesting 6/6 overlapping and stated that the August allocation has not been absorbed. She also addressed ads on cars and that no matter where the car is, they are getting paid for the ad. If the drivers didn't benefit from the additional income, the company would be there.

Bill Shranko and Marc Gordon, YCS – Marc Gordon stated that the position of YCS is the same as before, no medallions needed. Noted that last year they did a great job and this year, with the additional August allocation, will cover this convention as well. He feels they will provide excellent service once again.

Bill Shranko said he will speak on two separate parts – 1 – stated he like Member Miller's comments, Brock Croy's analogy as well as Kelly Kuzik's – says it all. He commented that the staff has been doing this a long time and it was made very clear that this convention will be handled adequately without any problems. He commented that everyone seems to forget that last year NAB was 2 weeks before Easter, this year it is one week after Easter and he feels the numbers will be down. The request this year is mid week and these are the slowest days and feels it can be handled without additional medallions. 2 – he said that there are probably 6,000 drivers. He commented that the economy is terrible and we are still begging people to work on their days off. He stated that one of the owners of YCS – Pete Eliades – drove a cab for 17 years and he and their Board recognize the fact that their drivers are hurting and, as a result, are losing 60% of their drivers. He stated that people will have to wait a little bit for a cab, but drivers are also waiting up to 1-1/2 hours for a ride. He said dynamics are changing and feels with the number of cabs available this convention can be handled without an allocation. He asked the Board to take everything into consideration and not give an allocation.

No one from Western Cab was present.

Desiree Dante, Lucky Cab, supports Desert's request and that if there is an allocation, all companies will not pick them up.

A Cab, Jay Nady, supports Desert.

Richard Segerbloom, attorney for ITPEU, stated that with the additional allocation added last August with equal out to what was allocated last year and an allocation is not needed this time.

Member Nolan stated that the Board's responsibility is supporting tourists and they take that issue very seriously. He stated that Las Vegas does not want to loose NAB and that is why every component is



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important because if people are unhappy with the service they will not return to Vegas. The well-being of the drivers also a concern of the Board and he appreciated the drivers that admitted to long hauling. He commented that with the complaints from last year about no cabs being available at the show breaks, he wants the drivers to be where they are supposed to be to pick up these people. He does not recommend an allocation.

Member Collins said there are a lot of issues if there's too many cabs on the road which is all the construction around town and the problem of getting around. He feels the drivers are trying to do their job and commended the drivers on the good service provided. He also does not support an allocation.

Member Hardy stated that with the allocation in August, he felt that would take care of these conventions and mentioned that one of the biggest companies is not asking for any medallions. He said with NAB being a smaller convention doesn't warrant what was allocated last year and that it is here mid week which is the slowest time even though there are 15,000 more people than last year. He would recommend Monday afternoon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, but not as much as requested. He feels 3 would work Monday, 12 PM – 2 AM, 3, Tuesday and Wednesday, not overlapping and 3, Tuesday, 7 AM to noon.

Chair Drobkin agrees with Member Hardy as she wants some allocation.

Member Hardy asked for more comments due to the split between the Board. Member Nolan said with looking at last year's numbers, there are more medallions on the street this year and feels he will stick with staff's recommendation of no cabs for NAB.

Member Collins agreed with Member Nolan. He feels nothing said by the companies was compelling enough for more medallions.

Chair Drobkin stated that her concern is not giving good service and NAB was lost before because of bad service.

Motion: No allocation for NAB at this time.
By: Member Nolan
Seconded: Member Collins
Vote: Yea- Member Nolan and Member Collins
Nay- Chair Drobkin and Member Hardy
Motion failed.

Chair asked if there was another motion:

Second Motion: 3 allocations per company, Monday, 12 PM – 2 AM, 3 per company, Tuesday and Wednesday, not overlapping and 3 per company, Tuesday, 7 AM – 12 PM.
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Yea- Member Hardy and Chair Drobkin
Nay- Member Nolan and Member Collins
Because of the split, motion failed.



11. Staff Report

Kelly Kuzik stated that because this meeting was before the deadline of the 10th of the month for the companies to have their numbers in, March Statistics are not available. He stated that with regard to the fuel surcharge, there is a link that can be checked regarding the price of fuel if the Board would like it to keep a check on the fuel prices so they are aware when the next meeting comes and the fuel surcharge is discussed. Member Hardy agreed to that. There were no questions regarding the February Statistics.

Administrator Harvey talked about the Electric Daisy Carnival that is returning to Las Vegas Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 10th and will be at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. He stated that when they were here in 2011, there were 200,000 attendees and it will be on the May Agenda.

Administrator Harvey stated that the Taxicab Authority Website is undergoing a complete redesign to provide site visitors with better access to information.

The site will be easier to navigate and its technical content will be greatly expanded to give users more immediate answers to their questions and help them navigate the site more quickly.

The look and feel of the site will change dramatically, providing a more professional interface with customers and employees. Some key aspects of the new design include quick navigational access to information for the riding public and drivers.

Prior to going live, I will be holding a Community of Interest Meeting to preview the new website. We will be seeking input from all interested parties on the new features and functionality. The feedback received during this meeting will help us improve the web experience for all our customers.

12. Report of Legal Counsel.

DAG Scott Davis stated that the NTA Hearing on the Board's permanent allocation in August will be April 19th and will report on the outcome at the next meeting.

13. Public Comment.

Steve Lanett stated that he learned a new term recently regarding credit cards – charge back – drivers have been commenting as though it is common among them with regarding to long hauling. He said refunds are being made by companies and the companies have to either pay a percentage of or all of the refunds. He feels that it should be reported when the companies are paying back the customers.

George Allen commented that Las Vegas is no long growing that it is at a complete halt with all the foreclosures that are going on.

George Balaban commented on the charge back comment. He said that credit card charge backs do not go back to the companies.

Sam Moffitt said regarding the end of the month stats of trips per shift average 18.81. He said with regard to the Chair's comments about NAB, they have always come to Vegas.

Jaime Pino talked about the growth of the numbers reported by the airport.

Tarios Deseman commented that no passengers are complaining about wait times.



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Ishmael Isgaya wanted to know why there are meetings if no allocation is give. Also wanted to know why the drivers don't get a cut from the ads on the cabs because they are the ones driving the cabs.

15. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn
By: Member Hardy
Second: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairman **Date**

Charles D. Harvey, Administrator **Date**

