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

December 11, 2012

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority at 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 8910. The meeting began at 9:35 A.M.

Present were: Chairman Ileana Drobkin, Member Josh Miller, Member Joe Hardy and Member Dean Collins. Others present: Charles D. Harvey, Administrator, Legal Counsel, Ryan Sunga, Deputy Attorney General; Ruben Aquino, Chief Investigator; and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb. Absent: Member Dennis Nolan.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Board.

3. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Administrator Charles D. Harvey said yes, we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

4. Public Comment.

Steve Lanett, Whittlesea Driver, wished everyone a healthy and prosperous holiday and hopes for a new year with less stress and less long hauling.

*5. Approval of the November 27, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Approval of November 27, Board Meeting Minutes
By: Member Collins
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously – Minutes were approved.

6. Discussion with Ray Suppe, Director off Security for LVCVA, regarding recent taxicab service.

Mr. Suppe stated he would be attending the meeting until there is a replacement for Steve Patterson. He commented that so far during NFR and Cowboy Christmas cab service has been great. He talked about the upcoming CES, SHOT Show which is at the Sands, the International

Building Show, which was in Florida last year and will be here in January 2013. They alternate between Florida and Las Vegas every 4 years. He stated there will also be the World Market Show in January 2013. He commented that they expect 300,000 people in town for New Year's Eve. He also mentioned a letter that was sent to Chairman Drobkin from Laura Lutz of CES which talked about the upcoming CES in January 2013 and they are anticipating. The letter is available at the offices of the Taxicab Authority.

Chair Drobkin asked if he would be in contact with the industry for help and he said he would.

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

Mr. Waters was not in attendance.

8. Discussion with Jeff Zamaria, Director of Events, regarding recent taxicab service.

Mr. Zamaria wished everyone happy holidays. He stated Cowboy Christmas was at the Sands and that cab service was excellent. He said that CES will also be at the Sands as will the SHOT Show. He talked about the construction taking place at the Sands, the cabstands are being remodeled as well as the front of the Sands. He stated that none of this construction will affect the cabstands and he doesn't want the drivers avoiding the property because of it. He said that the remodeling of the inside of the Sands is almost complete.

Chair Drobkin asked Steve Lanett to make mention of that on his radio show which he said he would and thanked her for the recognition.

- *9. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding Fuel Prices and the Fuel Surcharge which has been requested by Frias Transportation Management.

No discussion just to leave it on the agenda until further notice.

Note: *The Chair asked that the next three agenda items be discussed in a group – Staff analysis on all 3, then she would hear interveners comments on all 3 and then a vote would be taken on all 3.*

- *10. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding an allocation of temporary medallions for 2013 New Year's Eve which is on a Monday.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation stating that over the past 3 years an allocation for temporary medallions was given for New Year's Eve. He also stated that CAT buses will be operating modified North/South modified routes from 6:00 PM New Year's Eve until 9:00 AM New Year's Day and the rides will be free.

He stated that this is the first year that Desert and Lucky had asked for a temporary allocation for Laughlin. Laughlin is at 100% capacity.

He had made a comment that it would be more college kids coming into town for New Year's Eve because it was on a Monday and the Chair asked him about that comment and he explained that he had data showing it as a majority due to the odd day and that it would be more of a commuter crowd.



When Member Collins asked about staff's recommendation, the Chair explained that Staff did not want to sound biased so they no longer make recommendations. Kelly stated that he has no objection to what the companies have requested.

Chair Drobkin granted intervener status.

Interveners were Nellis Cab Company, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Desert Cab Company, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi, Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc., and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc., Lucky Cab Company, A Cab, LLC and ITPE Union.

Desert and Nellis made the following request for Las Vegas –

Saturday, December 29 – 6 medallions - 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours); Sunday, December 30 – 6 medallions – 7 AM - 7 PM and 6 medallions - 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours); Monday, December 31 – 8 medallions - 7 AM – 7 PM and 17 medallions – 4 PM – 6 AM (any 12 hours); Tuesday, January 1st – 17 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM.

Desert made the following request for Laughlin –

Saturday, December 29 – 4 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours); Sunday, December 30 – 4 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM and Monday, December 31 – 4 medallions – 2 PM – 6 AM (any 12 hours).

Lucky's request for Laughlin –

Saturday, December 29 – 2 medallions – 2 PM – 4 AM (any 12 hours); Sunday, December 30 – 2 medallions – 2 PM – 4 AM (any 12 hours) and Monday, December 31 – 2 medallions – 2 PM – 4 AM (any 12 hours).

Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi supports Desert, Frias and A Cab support Nellis and Desert. ITPEU, Richard Segerblom, supports YCS.

Motion: Supports Desert's request for New Year's Eve – Las Vegas
Supports Lucky's request for New Year's Eve with an additional 2 medallions on Monday, December 31 – Laughlin
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *11. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding an allocation of temporary medallions for the International CES 2013 Convention at LVCVA from Tuesday, January 08, 2013 through Friday, January 11, 2013 with an anticipated attendance of 155,000 attendees.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation regarding CES stating that for the past 3 years, an allocation of temporary medallions was given as this is one of the biggest conventions that comes to Las Vegas. He stated that he didn't feel the Board over allocated in the past. He said that the companies definitely need their supervisors on property to help the flow of the cab traffic. He stated that Chief Aquino will have his staff out there as well, as they always are. He said that the Administrator as well as the Chief are usually out there, too. He had commented that the Photo



Market Show would also be at LVCVA and Mr. Suppe and Mr. Zamaria both commented that Photo Market Show is at the Sands.

Chair Drobkin granted intervener status.

Interveners were Nellis Cab Company, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Desert Cab Company, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi, Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc., and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc., Lucky Cab Company, A Cab, LLC and ITPE Union.

Desert and Nellis requested –

Monday, January 7 – 17 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours); Tuesday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 9 – 17 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM and 17 medallions 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours) and Thursday, January 10 – 17 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM.

Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi supports Desert, Frias and A Cab support Nellis and Desert. ITPEU, Richard Segerblom, supports YCS.

Motion: Supports Desert's and Nellis' request for CES
By: Member Collins
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *12. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding an allocation of temporary medallions for the SHOT Show 2013 at the Sands Expo from Tuesday, January 15, 2013 through Friday, January 18, 2013 with an anticipated attendance of 61,000 attendees and for the Adult Entertainment Expo 2013 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino during the SHOT Show from Thursday, January 17, 2013 through Saturday, January 19, 2013 with an anticipated attendance of 30,000 attendees. There is an anticipated total of 91,000 attendees for both shows.

Kelly Kuzik made his presentation stating that an allocation of temporary medallions was given the past 3 years.

George Balaban, owner of Desert Cab, wanted to explain what a request was made by him and Lucky Cab for New Year's Eve medallions for Laughlin. He said he has 4 extra cars and drivers that can be utilized on New Year's Eve and no one drives from one place to the other, they take cabs and it would help the drivers make some extra money. Member Miller stated that Lucky's requested times are different than his and would that be a problem and he said no.

Interveners were Nellis Cab Company, Yellow/Checker/Star Cab Companies, Desert Cab Company, Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi, Ace Cab, Inc., Union Cab Co., A NLV Cab Co., Vegas-Western Cab, Inc., and Virgin Valley Cab Company, Inc., Lucky Cab Company, A Cab, LLC and ITPE Union.

Desert and Nellis requested –

Wednesday, January 16 – 4 medallions – 7 AM - 8 PM and 4 medallions – 12 PM – 2 AM (any 12 hours); Thursday, January 17 – 4 medallions – 7 AM – 7 PM.



Whittlesea Blue/Henderson Taxi supports Desert, Frias and A Cab support Nellis and Desert. ITPEU, Richard Segerblom, doesn't feel an allocation is needed for these events.

Motion: Supports Desert's and Nellis' request for the SHOT Show and Adult Entertainment Expo 2013
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Member Miller
Vote: Passed unanimously

NOTE: *The Chair asked DAG Ryan Sunga to explain what transfers of stock entails. He explained the regulation for approval of transfers of stock that it allows a wide latitude; there's a \$200 filing fee for each transfer; authority has to be secured before transfers are made; parties involved cannot have any felonies, they must have good moral character and for the transfer to be made, there must be an investigation of parties involved done by the Taxicab Authority and all must be approved by the Taxicab Authority Board.*

The Chair asked Administrator Harvey if, during the review anything was found to prevent the transfers and Administrator Harvey said there was nothing to prevent the transfers.

Agenda Item 13 through Agenda Item 23, inclusively, asked for any comments from Jeff Silver, attorney for Whittlesea Blue and Henderson Taxi. After Mr. Silver explained that the reason for these transfers was due to the "Fiscal Cliff" and the possibility of higher taxes being due after the first of the year. After the Board listened to Mr. Silver, the Chair asked for a motion on each one.

- *13. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Nadyne B. Ritter Trust, dated November 29, 2004 for authority to transfer the nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to The Dan P. Ritter Marital Trust, dated September 9, 2010, Successor-In-Interest to The Dan P. Ritter 2004 Generations Trust dated December 27, 2004; The Kellee Ritter Asmussen 2004 Generations Trust dated December 31, 2004; and The Brett J. Ritter Marital Trust dated January 14, 2006.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Member Collins
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *14. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Dan P. Ritter Marital Trust, Successor-in-Interest to the Dan P. Ritter Generations Trust, dated December 27, 2004, for authority to transfer nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Kellee Ritter Asmussen, Trustee of the Beneficiary Shares FBO Jeremy Ritter; FBO Jamie Ritter; and FBO Beau Ritter.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously



- *15. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Brett J. Ritter Marital Trust, Successor-in-Interest to the Brett J. Ritter Generations Trust, dated December 27, 2004, for authority to transfer nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Kellee Ritter Asmussen, Trustee of the Beneficiary Shares FBO Jeremy Ritter; FBO Jamie Ritter; FBO Beau Ritter; and FBO Kellee Ritter Asmussen.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Member Miller
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *16. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Gerald K. Bell and Ann L. Bell Family Trust, dated October 5, 1998, for authority to transfer the nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to The Gerald K. Bell, Jr., 2004 Generations Trust dated December 21, 2004; and The Bradley B. Bell 2004 Generations Trust dated December 21, 2004.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *17. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Gerald K. Bell and Ann L. Bell Family Trust, dated October 5, 1998, for authority to transfer the voting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Gerald K. Bell, Jr. and Bradley B. Bell.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Chair Drobkin
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *18. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Larry E. Bell Separate Property Trust, dated June 10, 2009, for authority to transfer the voting shares of Whittlesea-Bell, a Nevada corporation, to Larry E. Bell, Jr.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Collins
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *19. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Larry E. Bell Separate Property Trust, dated June 10, 2009, for authority to transfer the nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to The Larry E. Bell, Jr., 2004 Generations Trust dated December 23, 2004; The Kathleen Jo Kusler 2004 Generations Trust dated December 23, 2004; The Kari Lou Bell Allen 2004 Generations Trust dated December 23, 2004; and The Kristi Lynn Ebster 2004 Generations Trust dated December 23, 2004.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously



- *20. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Larry E. Bell Separate Property Trust, dated June 10, 2009, for authority to transfer the voting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Larry E. Bell, Jr.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Member Collins
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *21. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Nadyne B. Ritter Trust, dated November 29, 2004 for authority to transfer the voting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Kellee Ritter Asmussen.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Hardy
Seconded: Member Collins
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *22. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Sharlene M. Dugas Trust, dated November 2, 2009, for authority to transfer the nonvoting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to The Ronald William Dugas, 2004 Generations Trust dated December 30, 2004; The Renee Ann Fandt 2004 Generations Trust dated December 30, 2004; and The Gregory Scott Dugas 2004 Generations Trust dated December 30, 2004.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Collins
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *23. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of The Sharlene M. Dugas Trust, dated November 2, 2009, for authority to transfer the voting shares of Henderson Taxi, a Nevada corporation, to Renee Ann Fandt.

Motion: Approve the above stated transfer
By: Member Collins
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote: Passed unanimously

- *24. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the Matter of the Application of Western Cab Company (the "Applicant"), a Nevada corporation, has filed an application with the Nevada Taxicab Authority (the "Authority"), for approval of the transfer to Nevada Western Cab Company, LLC ("New Western," a newly formed Nevada limited liability company and affiliate of Yellow Checker Star Transportation Company), of the Applicant's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (the "CPCN"), and certain other operating assets. New Western has filed a joinder in the application.

Marilyn Moran of Western Cab stated that this agenda item has been withdrawn and it will be "business as usual" at Western Cab.

25. Public Comment.

No public comment.



- *26. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding the issuance of temporary medallions in the event of a labor strike in order to serve the interests, welfare, convenience, necessity, and well-being of customers of taxicabs and to provide continuous uninterrupted service to the public.

DAG Ryan Sunga stated that the original order that was drafted after the October 31st Emergency Meeting stated it would be in effect until the cessation of the strike, should there be a strike, or the end of the November 27th Board Meeting, whichever ever occurred first. There being no strike, he stated a new order should be considered.

The Chair felt that a new order should be drafted because the Union talks have continued and she wanted to be sure that the riding public was being serviced properly and to ensure that the conventions coming in had excellent service so they will return to Las Vegas in coming years, in case a strike was called.

Member Collins asked if another order is needed and DAG Sunga stated that was the decision of the Board as, right now, the other order is no longer in effect. It was agreed by the industry that something should be in place. There was a lot of discussion between the Board and the DAG. Mr. Steve Sullivan, representing USW, stated not to make the order “evergreen” as it may not come up again. With regard to the allocation of 30 medallions, he felt it should only impact the companies that are striking. Chair Drobkin stated that something needs to be in place should a strike happen in the future for the protection of the riding public which is the Board’s mandate. Member Miller does not support a standing order but he is not sure how long the order should be in effect. The Chair did not agree. Member Miller feels that being there are only 2 companies involved, that this is not a situation of “a one size fits all”. The Chair commented that the Administrator would be able to pull any medallions that are not needed. She said she wants something in place should there be a crisis and, at the same time, it will show the public that we are doing are part.

Motion: Up to 30 medallions per company – 24/7 medallions which could be reduced at the discretion of the Administrator with a duration of while the labor strike is in effect including language to put on the next agenda
By: Member Miller
Seconded: Member Hardy
Vote; Passed unanimously

27. Staff Report

- a - Staff Report - Administrator Harvey wish everyone happy holidays.
- b – November Stats – Kelly stated they would be on the website this afternoon.
- c – Administrator’s Report - He stated he had nothing more to add this month.

28. Report of Legal Counsel.

DAG Ryan Sunga stated that there was a hearing last week regarding Déjà vu and it was being remanded back to the Taxicab Authority in the next few months.



29. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary Date

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairman Date

Charles D. Harvey, Administrator Date

