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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

AMENDED NOTICE OF AN AGENDA

BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority has scheduled a Board Meeting and Public Hearing for November 17, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. at the:

**GRANT SAWYER BUILDING
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU
ROOM 4412 A/B
555 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101**

The Meeting has been properly noticed and posted in the following locations:

STATE OF NEVADA
TAXICAB AUTHORITY
1785 E. Sahara, #200
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

STAGING AREA
MCCARRAN AIRPORT
5757 Wayne Newton
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

LAS VEGAS CITY HALL
400 E. Stewart Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
500 S. Grand Central
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

GRANT SAWYER BLDG.
555 E. Washington Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2832 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

AGENDA

1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.



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***2. Approval of the October 20, 1998, Board Meeting Minutes.**

***3. Driver Appeals as follows:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>T.A. Number</u>
Girum Kassa	16918
Javad Khaayyam	18120
Marvin Schuman	17363 (Contd)

***4. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding whether or not to require certificate holders to convert the green light on cabs to a call police sign, and to add identification lettering and numbering on the top of each cab.**

***5. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding drafting of legislation that would allow the Taxicab Authority to remain as an independent agency, regulating taxicabs and limousines in Southern Nevada instead of merging with the Transportation Services Authority, and drafting legislation regarding additional standards for taxicabs under N.R.S. 706.8837 related to driver safety.**

***6. Discussion and Possible Decision in the matter of Ray Chenoweth regarding acceptance of Stipulation settling the case, which alleged that he had knowingly made a false statement to the Authority in violation of N.R.S. 706.885(1).**

7. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding whether or not to continue the hearing to review the allocations of temporary medallions issued in 1997 until the 1999 annual review of medallions and if not, discussion and possible decision with regard to whether or not the 1997 temporary medallion allocations should remain temporary, be made permanent as allocated, or changed, based upon the interests, welfare, convenience, necessity and well being of the customers of taxicabs, pursuant to NRS 706.8824 and NRS 706.88245.

8. Public Comment.

9. Staff Report.

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10. Report of Legal Counsel.

*11. Adjournment.

By the Authority,


Robert G. Anselmo
Administrator

DATED October 28, 1998
Las Vegas, Nevada

*** The Board is expected to consider and vote on this matter.**

The Board wishes to notify the Public that it may consider Agenda items out of order. Members of the Public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the Meeting are required to notify the office of the Taxicab Authority in writing at 1785 East Sahara, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 or by calling (702) 486-6532, 24 hours prior to the date of the Meeting.

Persons wishing to intervene must file the appropriate pleading in accordance with the procedures of N.A.C. 706.894, no later than November 10, 1998.

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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 1998

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on November 17, 1998, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at Grant Sawyer Building, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Room 4412 A/B, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The meeting began at 9:55 a.m.

Board Members Present: James Jimmerson, Chairman; William Bailey, Vice-Chairman; Thomas Hickey, Member; Adriana Escobar Chanos, Member; and Steve Sisolak, Member. Others present: Legal Counsel, Paul S. Lychuk, Senior Deputy Attorney General; Robert G. Anselmo, Administrator; Robert Flaven, Chief Investigator; Susan Edwards, Recording Secretary; and Marie Govlick, Management Assistant II.

The Agenda as follows:

1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Anselmo advised the Board that the notices for this meeting were duly posted at the time and places as prescribed by law.

***2. Approval of the October 20, 1998 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion was made by Mr. Sisolak to approve the October 20, 1998 Board Meeting Minutes without correction. Ms. Chanos seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.

***3. Driver Appeals.**

Girum Kassa did not appear. Mr. Sisolak motioned to deny and Ms. Chanos seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.

Javad Khaayyam did not appear. Mr. Sisolak motioned to deny and Ms. Chanos seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.

Marvin Schuman did not appear. Mr. Sisolak motioned to deny and Ms. Chanos seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.



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- *4. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding whether or not to require certificate holders to convert the green light on cabs to a call police sign, and to add identification lettering and numbering on the top of each cab.**

Mr. Flaven gave the staff report and the intervenors were heard. Mr. Hickey motioned to have 18 inch identification lettering/numbering, black in color, and on a top surface of the vehicle providing an unobstructed aerial view. Mr. Sisolak seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously to implement within 90 days. Mr. Bailey moved to table the green light and call police sign issue until more information is gathered. Mr. Sisolak seconded. Mr. Hickey's motion to amend and put this issue on the March 1999 Board Meeting Agenda was not seconded. Mr. Jimmerson opposed the initial motion because he feels additional work needs to be done on the area of driver safety. Motion to table indefinitely was passed four to one.

- *5. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding drafting of legislation that would allow the Taxicab Authority to remain as an independent agency, regulating taxicabs and limousines in Southern Nevada instead of merging with the Transportation Services Authority, and drafting legislation regarding additional standards for taxicabs under N.R.S. 706.8837 related to driver safety.**

Mr. Anselmo stated that the Transportation Services Authority was invited to attend today and no one is in attendance. He has not seen the Bill Draft out of LCB and he believes that the TSA position on this is that until such time as we actually have an opportunity to see the Bill from LCB, that they would not be available for much discussion. Mr. Hickey motioned that he would approach the Chairpersons of both the Senate Transportation and Assembly Transportation to set aside a Bill Draft number for the TA so that if necessary, after seeing the TSA Bill, we can give alternatives to the proposed TSA legislation. Mr. Bailey seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.

- *6. Discussion and Possible Decision in the matter of Ray Chenoweth regarding acceptance of Stipulation settling the case, which alleged that he had knowingly made a false statement to the Authority in violation of N.R.S. 706.885(1).**

Mr. Lychuk stated that he had spoke with Mr. Winner the day before and they had gone back and forth on a Settlement Agreement. Some of the changes were implemented and some were not. Mr. Chenoweth only wants to pay the \$5,000 fine with a letter of apology to the Authority. Mr. Lychuk recommended to reject that form of settlement of this matter and in absence of a hold harmless provision and a written settlement document and that we place this on the next Agenda for hearing if it cannot be worked out with Mr. Chenoweth and his counsel. Mr. Sisolak made a motion that the transcripts be made available and this matter be continued until the next meeting. Ms. Chanos seconded. All agreed. Passed unanimously.

- *7. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding whether or not to continue the hearing to review the allocations of temporary medallions issued in 1997 until the 1999 annual review of medallions and if not, discussion and possible decision with regard to whether or not the 1997 temporary medallion allocations should remain temporary, be made permanent as allocated, or changed, based upon the interests, welfare, convenience, necessity and well being of the customers of taxicabs, pursuant to NRS 706.8824 and NRS 706.88245.**

Mr. Boxer stated that there was a 7.74 percent increase on trips which is basically what reports indicated for the years 1994 through 1997 and that he recommends postponing this until the January 1999 Board Meeting at which time we will have all the available information for the past 12 months. Intervenors were given time to express their opinions. Mr. Anselmo suggested that the January Board Meeting be limited to discussing the annual allocation, making the temporary medallions permanent, and Mr. Awad's petition to modify the Board's previous Order and the possible modification of the boundaries for the geographically restricted areas. Rates will be discussed at the February 1999 Board Meeting. Ms. Chanos motioned to follow staff's recommendation and Mr. Hickey seconded. Mr. Sisolak voted nay. Passed 3 to 1 in Mr. Jimmerson's absence that afternoon.

8. Public Comment.

Mr. Shranko stated that this is one of the best Taxicab Authorities staff that he has had the opportunity to work with. He believes we should make a decision right away about the green light and call police sign and that we are running short on time addressing the TSA issues. Mr. Flaven stated that he has called several local television stations for the advertisement of the green light. Channel 3 was willing to broadcast this as a public service announcement. Other television stations felt it would be free advertising and declined. Mr. Bailey suggested that we have a press conference.

Mr. Winner appeared during the public comment section of the Board Meeting to address the Stipulation Agreement/Order regarding Mr. Chenoweth and asserted that Mr. Chenoweth has done what he agreed to do, which was pay a \$5,000 fine and write a letter of apology. Mr. Hickey suggested that Mr. Winner meet with Mr. Lychuk and come to terms.

9. Staff Report

Mr. Anselmo stated that staff already gave their report.

10. Report of Legal Counsel.

Legal did not have a report at this time.

***11. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:


Susan Edwards
Recording Secretary

 12/8/98
James J. Jimmerson, Esq.
Chairman

1 **BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY**

2 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING)
3 WHETHER OR NOT TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS)
4 TO CONVERT THE GREEN LIGHT ON CABS TO A CALL)
5 POLICE SIGN, AND TO ADD IDENTIFICATION LETTERING)
6 AND NUMBERING ON THE TOP OF EACH CAB.)

7 At a general session of the
8 State of Nevada Taxicab Authority
9 Held at:
10 Grant-Sawyer Building
11 555 East Washington Avenue
12 Meeting Room 4412 A/B
13 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

14 **ORDER**

15 PRESENT: James J. Jimmerson, Chairman
16 William Bailey, Vice-Chairman
17 Tom Hickey, Member
18 Adriana Escobar Chanos, Member
19 Steven Sisolak, Member
20 Robert Anselmo, Administrator
21 Paul S. Lychuk, Senior Deputy Attorney General

22 IT APPEARING that on the 17th day of November, 1998, a public hearing was held in the
23 above-entitled matter in compliance with the provisions of the Nevada Open Meeting Law, the Nevada
24 Administrative Procedure Act, and Chapter 706 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Nevada
25 Administrative Code (NAC), at which time the Authority considered the above-entitled matter.

26 1. The Authority heard from certificate holders and interested parties with regard to the two
27 above-referenced proposals that were recommended by the Blue Ribbon Safety Committee towards
28 improving driver safety.

2. There was no opposition presented to the proposal to have each certificate holder place
the cab number of each vehicle on the outside of the vehicle in a manner that could easily be viewed
from the air by a police helicopter. Several of the certificate holders did express concern that if required
to place the taxi numbers on the roof of each taxi that they would be foregoing advertising revenue.

1 3. Most of the certificate holders did question the perceived improvement in driver
2 protection that would be derived by changing the existing green light requirement to a "call police"
3 sign, as well as the durability of the sign, and suggested to the Authority that before any change is
4 ordered that a small sample of the "call police" signs be implemented on a trial basis.

5 4. Most certificate holders, as well as staff, also asserted that the green light is an effective
6 deterrent to crime if the public is consistently made aware of it. Staff also pointed out that the per
7 capita crime rate against taxi drivers in Clark County is among the lowest in the country.

8 5. Staff reported that historically, local law enforcement did favor public awareness of the
9 green light, but had recommended that the "call police" sign not be advertised to the public. Staff did
10 not have a definitive explanation for local law enforcement's apparent distinction between the green
11 light and a call police sign, but indicated that they would collect that information from the appropriate
12 experts. Staff also reported that it had not yet developed a specification for a "call police" sign.

13 6. Mr. Sven Nielsen, on behalf of the Professional Driver's Association, asserted that more
14 effective measures to improve driver safety include shields and cameras, but acknowledged that most
15 drivers were opposed to shields and may or may not accept cameras in the vehicles, depending in part
16 upon the location and type of camera implemented. Mr. Nielsen urged the Authority to consider
17 alternatives to the "call police" sign and stated that statistical information he had collected demonstrated
18 that either cameras or shields are significant deterrents to robberies.

19 7. There was no consensus of opinion presented with regard to any improvement in driver
20 safety that would be derived by replacing the green light that is presently required on all taxicabs with a
21 "call police" sign.

22 AND GOOD CAUSE APPEARING:

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT all certificate holders, respectively, shall place on top
24 surface of each taxicab, the hood, roof or trunk, in black letters at least eighteen (18) inches in height,
25 the identification number of the taxicab no later than February 17, 1999.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the identification number must be placed on each taxicab
27 in a location that provides an unobstructed aerial view of the number.
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT additional consideration of the proposal to require
2 certificate holders to replace the green light on each taxicab with a "call police" sign is tabled
3 indefinitely, until additional information is gathered by staff or the Blue Ribbon Safety Committee and
4 reported to the Authority, or a member of the Authority requests that the matter be placed on an agenda
5 for further discussion or a status check.

6 DATED this 20 day of November, 1998.

7 By the Authority

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10 JAMES J. JIMMERSON, Chairman

11 ATTEST:

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14 ROBERT ANSELMO, Administrator

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17 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

18 I, Marie Govlick, hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Taxicab Authority and
19 that on the 23rd day of November, 1998, I served the foregoing Order by depositing a copy of the
20 same in the State of Nevada mail, properly addressed, postage prepaid, certified mail, addressed as
21 follows:

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24 An Employee of the Nevada Taxicab Authority
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