



**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
TAXICAB AUTHORITY**

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2025 BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Reaser called the meeting to order on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., at the location of the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 400, Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The meeting was properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Present from the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Chairman Dan Reaser
Vice Chairman Rusty Graf
Member J.D. Decker
Member Alejandro Vazquez
Joseph Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General

Not present – excused from the Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Member Lawrence Weekly

Present from the Taxicab Authority

Todd Park, Administrator
Lona Webb, Attorney

Vice Chair Graf led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Reaser noted the affidavits of publication and notice were properly filed. The Secretary confirmed this.

2. Public Comment

Chair Reaser opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered by attendees in Las Vegas or remote participants.

Chair Reaser welcomed newly appointed Vice Chair Rusty Graf and thanked outgoing Vice Chair Don Soderberg for his service. No other public or administrative comments were offered.

Item closed.

3. Election of Chair Vice Chair until/unless appointment by Governor. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Governor Lombardo appointed Jerry R. Graf as Vice Chair and Dan Reaser to continue serving as Chair.

No board action required. Item closed.

4. Approve Board Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2025, Board Meeting

Chair Reaser recused himself from voting due to absence.

Member Graf motioned. Member Decker second.

Motion passed. Item closed.

5. Approve the minutes of April 16, 2025, Taxicab Authority Workshop to Solicit Comments on Amending/Repealing Regulations and to Determine the Impact of Proposed Regulations on Small Businesses. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Member Decker motioned. Member Graf second.

Motion passed. Item closed.

6. Industry Discussion (For Discussion Only)

No comments were received by the industry present or remote.

Item closed.

7. Board discussion re whether to continue to require certificate holders to install distress lights on taxicabs and helicopter aerial cab numbers on the roofs of the cab. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Administrator Park reported limited law enforcement familiarity with green lights or rooftop IDs. Industry requested the repeal of outdated safety equipment requirements. Clarified that existing vehicles may retain equipment voluntarily.

Member Decker motioned to rescind 1998 order. Member Graf second.

Motion passed. Item closed.

8. Public Comment

Chair Reaser opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered by attendees in Las Vegas or remote participants.

Item closed

9. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATIONS; TO ADOPT TEMPORARY REGULATIONS/TEMPORARILY AMEND REGULATIONS/TEMPORARILY REPEAL REGULATION FROM CHAPTER 706 (NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY) OF THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE: NAC 706.450 et seq. -The purpose of the rulemaking adopting hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of certain Temporary regulations and to temporarily repeal/amend certain regulations of Chapter 706 of Nevada Administrative Code applicable to the Nevada Taxicab Authority. Please see the Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations and Notice of Hearing to Adopt Temporary Regulations/Temporarily Amend Regulations/Temporarily Repeal Regulations from Chapter 706 (Nevada Taxicab Authority) of the Nevada Administrative Code (attached and incorporated herein by reference) for further

details regarding this item. The Board will receive comments from all interested persons regarding the **Small Business Impact Statement** and any financial impact the regulations may have on small businesses *(For Discussion and Possible Action)*

No public comments were received in preparation for the adoption hearing of NAC 706 temporary amendments. Reviewed small business impact statement and NAC revisions.
No public comment. No formal action taken.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT TEMPORARY REGULATIONS/TEMPORARILY AMEND REGULATIONS/TEMPORARILY REPEAL REGULATIONS FROM CHAPTER 706 (NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY) OF THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE-Discussion and potential adoption of certain Temporary regulations as more fully described in Agenda Item 9 above, and the Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations and Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations (attached and incorporated herein by reference.) (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Motion 1: Adopt temporary amendments and repeals. Member Decker motioned. Vice Chair Graf second. *Approved.*

Motion 2: Adopt NTA procedural rules by reference. Vice Chair Graf motioned. Member Decker second. *Approved.*

Item closed.

11. **Public Comment**

Chair Reaser opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered by attendees in Las Vegas or remote participants.

Item closed.

12. **Board discussion regarding the necessity to adopt the Uniform System of Accounts for Taxicab Companies (as currently located at NAC 706.558-706.855) for placement into an in-office manual to be utilized by the Taxicab Authority and certificated carriers, but potentially to be deleted from the Nevada Administrative Code during today's Public Hearing of items 8 and 9 above. (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Vice Chair Graf motioned to adopt repealed NAC 706.558–706.855 as interim manual. Member Decker second.

Approved. Item closed.

13. **Report by the Administrator re status of appointment of hearing officer, interventions, and prehearing tasks regarding the Amended Application of Desert Cab Co. to Adjust Taxicab Charges to Include a Fifty-Cent (\$0.50) Pass Through Software License Charge Incurred as the Result of a Negotiated License Agreement by KAPTYN with third-party patent owner IVSC IP, LLC on Every Taxi Trip. (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Hearing dates set for September 17–19, 2025. Discovery ongoing. Expert disclosures due June 18, 2025.

14. **Continued fiscal discussion re the Taxicab Authority and the upcoming biennium 2026-2027, including review of Budget Closing Report (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

- **Reduction of enforcement and administrative positions.**
- **Technology Fee Discussions:**
 - Potential **rate increase** to offset budget deficits.
 - Industry collaboration on **technology fee adjustments**.

Item closed.

15. **Staff Report (For Discussion Only)**

A. Administrator's Report

Pilot Project Discussion – Uber-Taxi Integration

- Approval of Pilot Program: A few weeks ago, a pilot program was designed to benefit the industry.
 - This program allows individuals to request a taxi ride through the Uber app, where a taxi icon will appear as an option, alongside traditional ridesharing choices.
 - The program aims to improve accessibility for consumers by enabling them to book a taxi through a well-known platform, such as Uber, which has historically been a challenge for the industry.
- Second Proposal: Another company has approached the speaker with a similar proposal.
 - The second program mirrors the first but comes from a different company.
 - A proposal for this second program is expected soon, and the speaker has already met with the company and discussed the details.

EDC Taxi Performance Update

- Surge pricing reached \$170 per ride, while taxis averaged \$100-\$150 per ride.
- Increased demand, but cab shortages persisted at 6:00 AM.
- Limited enforcement staff presence due to budget constraints.

Accessibility Improvements at the Airport

- New system approved for WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles) pickups at McCarran Airport.
- WAV drivers can bypass holding areas and park in pickup zones, ensuring faster service.

Brazos Citation System Implementation

- **New electronic citation system (Brazos)** in development for tracking violations.
- **Will streamline reporting requirements and integrate with the Acela database.**

Employee Recognition

- Curtis Mell (Management Analyst II) received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Governor's Office for contributions to:
 - Dispatch radio system improvements.
 - Acceler project upgrades.
 - Administrative efficiency enhancements.
- Daniel Hufstetter recognized for 10 years of service with the agency.

B. Enforcement/Compliance Report

None to report.

C. Stats

- Increase of approximately 400 taxi drivers since 2024.
- Total monthly trips reached approximately 1,000,162 recovering from a February low.
- Average ride revenue \$19.99 per trip, slightly lower than previous year due to gas surcharge absence.
- Enforcement Activity:
 - 98 citations issued, 4 impounds, 96 violations resolved in April.
 - Accidents reported: 296, down from 380 in March.

D. Legal Counsel

None to report.

E. Future Agenda Items

- *Accounting Manual Review*
- *Technology Fee Rate Adjustment Discussion*
- *Final Evaluation of Pilot Program (September 2025)*

21. Public Comment

Chair Reaser opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered by attendees in Las Vegas or remote participants.

Item closed

22. Adjournment (Action)

Chairman Reaser motioned to adjourn.

Motion passed. Item closed.

By the Authority,



Dan Reaser, Chairman
Nevada Taxicab Authority

Dated: June 18, 2025
Las Vegas, Nevada