

STATE OF NEVADA

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
TAXICAB AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF April 15, 2026, BOARD MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Rusty Graf called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Board Members Present: Vice Chair Rusty Graf, Member J.D. Decker, Member Lawrence Weekly, Member Alejandro Vazquez, Joseph Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General

Board Member Not Present: Chairman Dan Reaser – excused

Present from the Taxicab Authority: Todd Park, Administrator Curtis Mell, Deputy Administrator, Lona Webb, Attorney

**A. Pledge of Allegiance** Vice Chair Graf led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**B. Compliance with Open Meeting Law** Vice Chair Graf verified with staff and the Deputy Attorney General that the meeting is in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**2. Public Comment**

Vice Chair Graf opened the first public comment session. Administrator Park delivered a statement honoring a Taxicab Authority employee, Gail, who passed away two days prior. No additional public comments were offered. Public comment closed.

**3. Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes and Workshop Minutes**

Vice Chair Graf stated that the Board reviewed the February meeting minutes and Workshop minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested. Member Decker abstained. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

**4. Industry Discussion (For Discussion Only)** Vice Chair Graf opened the floor for industry discussion. No comments were offered. Item closed.

**5. Public Hearing: In the matter of Applications for Pilot Programs & Pilot Programs Update (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Deputy Administrator Curtis Mell presented updated statistics for the pilot program. He reported:

- March ridership more than doubled from February.
- A total of 15,429 rides were initiated through the Uber app.
- All participating companies are now fully active.
- Ridership continues to increase as drivers and passengers become more comfortable with the system.
- No negative comments or complaints have been received.
- Average per-trip revenue increased to over \$15, up from under \$13 the prior month.

Board members discussed rollout percentages, timelines for reaching 100% participation, and coordination with Uber and Curb. Industry representatives confirmed that rollout timing depends on Uber's internal schedule. Members expressed support for the program's growth and noted its positive financial impact.

**6. Public Hearing – Application by Peteglo/Balaban to Acquire Nellis Cab, and Bankruptcy and Sale Procedures for Nellis Cab (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Attorney Kimberly Maxson Rushton provided an update on the bankruptcy proceedings involving Nellis Cab and the pending sale of assets. She summarized the April 7 bankruptcy court order establishing:

- Stalking horse determination (completed April 11)
- Qualifying bid deadline: **April 29, 2026**
- Public auction: **May 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**
- Court approval to follow the auction

She noted that Board approval is still required for any transfer of the CPCN and that preliminary approval for Peteglo remains in place. Attorney Bryan Hardy, representing intervenors, emphasized that the May 5 auction decision may be subject to objections or appeals, and finality may extend beyond the May Board meeting.

The Board discussed timing, noticing requirements, and the potential need to place the item on both the May 20 and June 17 agendas. No action was taken.

**7. Public Hearing – Application by zTrip dba Henderson Taxi and Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, New Cab Co's., Nevada Star Cab, Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab to request modification of taxi rates to include a surcharge for EDC, F1, and New Year's Eve (For Discussion and Possible Action)**

Attorney Kimberly Maxson Rushton presented the application submitted on behalf of the Livery Operators Association's taxi members requesting approval of surcharge fees for:

- **Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC)**
- **Formula 1 Grand Prix (F1)**
- **New Year's Eve**

She explained:

- The purpose of the surcharge is to incentivize drivers during peak events with road closures, deadhead miles, and high demand.
- The proposed surcharge amounts match prior years.
- The application includes corrected date/time language submitted via errata.

### **Proposed Surcharges:**

#### **EDC (May 15–18, 2026)**

- \$40 outbound to the Speedway
- \$60 return from the Speedway
- Effective 3:00 p.m. (PST) Friday, May 15, 2026, to midnight, and continuing through to the next day, Saturday (May 16, 2026) at 10:00 a.m. Commence again Saturday May 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to midnight and continue through Sunday, May 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Finally on Sunday, May 17, 2026, commence at 3:00 p.m. to midnight, and continuing through Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

#### **F1 Grand Prix (November 19–23, 2026)**

- \$15 surcharge on trips originating or terminating at the Airport solely to and from the Strip Corridor in the fixed rate zones, and within the existing established Strip Corridor taxi zones
- Effective 1:00 a.m. (PST) Thursday, November 19, 2026, to noon Monday, November 23, 2026

#### **New Year's Eve (December 31, 2026 – January 1, 2027)**

- \$10 surcharge on trips originating and/or terminating in the Strip Corridor Taxi Zones
- Effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday December 31, 2026, through 2:00 a.m. Friday January 1, 2027

The Board noted that the reason behind the Board creating the surcharges is to encourage more driver participation. That is why the surcharges are approved again this year. Industry representatives confirmed how surcharge revenue is distributed between employee drivers and independent contractors. Administrator Park reported on coordination with Insomniac for EDC, staging areas, and the need to post surcharge rates at the taxi line. Board members discussed operational challenges, driver participation, and the importance of requiring all carriers—not just applicants—to submit post-event statistics.

**Board Action** Motion to approve the surcharge schedule as presented passed unanimously.

### **8. Staff Report (For Discussion Only)**

**A. Administrator's Report** Administrator Park provided updates on agency operations. Member Weekly encouraged the TA to work with various agencies and personnel to get prepared for big ticket events and items coming, such as March Madness, approval of the Super Bowl, WWE, Chris Brown and Usher, and to work with the industry for those events.

**B. Enforcement/Compliance Report** Chief Del Padre reported on citations, impounds, and enforcement activity.

**C. Statistics** Administrator Park reported rising fuel prices and noted that the Board's previously adopted fuel-surcharge formula remains active. If wholesale prices reach the next tier, the Administrator may issue an immediate adjustment order.

**D. Legal Counsel** No additional report.

**E. Future Agenda Items** None requested. Item closed.

**9. Public Comment**

No public comments were offered. Public comment closed.

**10. Adjournment (Action)**

Member Decker moved to adjourn. Member Vazquez seconded.

All Members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

By the Authority,

  
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Rusty Graf, Vice Chair  
Nevada Taxicab Authority

6/17/26  
Date