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

December 7, 2010

The Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority was held on Tuesday, December 7th, 2010. The meeting was held at the Taxicab Authority, 1785 E. Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104. The meeting began at 1:30 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Ileana Drobkin, Member John G. Marushok, Member Robert Forbuss, Member Josh Miller and Member Joseph Hardy. Others present: were Acting Administrator Lt. Joseph Wingard, Legal Counsel, Deputy Attorney General Scott R. Davis and Recording Secretary, Barbara A. Webb.

***2. Discussion and Possible Decision regarding a temporary allocation of medallions for 2010 National Final Rodeo.**

New Board Member Joseph Hardy, Jr., stated that he had worked for Mark James in the past, but he will be fair in his decisions. Frias Holding Company requested this allocation be addressed.

Neal Tomlinson, attorney for Frias, and Bruce San Fillipo of Frias made their presentation. Mr. San Fillipo was sworn in by the Recording Secretary.

They presented a video which is available at the Taxicab Authority. It was to show how many people were waiting for cabs at Thomas and Mack after the NFR and the lack of cabs at different times as well as other locations. This video was made on Friday and Saturday during NFR.

Mr. Tomlinson submitted Exhibit 1 – Wrangler National Finals Rodeo 2010 Schedule of Events, Exhibit 2 – a copy from NFR's website. Exhibit 3 – an article from the Las Vegas Sun regarding NFR and Exhibit 4 – Frias' video. These were all a part of Frias' intervention.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that per NRS 706.88248, the board's concern has to be the riding public and feels that with additional medallions the need would be met. Mr. Clausen from T & M could not make the meeting but requested through Mr. Tomlinson additional cabs. Mr. Tomlinson said their main concern is if service is not adequate, NFR may go to another city. He also stated that with 1-1/2 hour wait time, people will seek other modes of transportation and Frias' market share would be compromised.

Mr. San Fillipo stated that with extra medallions the companies can put the extra cabs out when they are needed.

Member Marushok questioned service on other days other than Friday and Saturday when the video was done. Mr. San Fillipo stated that it wasn't as busy on the other nights.

Member Miller stated he has spoken with the Director of T & M and service was good on Monday. Mr. Miller also stated that they do have a traffic management problem at T & M which could be the reason for crowds waiting 1-1/2 hours for a cab, which he feels is unacceptable.

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Mr. San Fillipo stated 5 additional medallions per company would fill the void giving better service. There was further conversation regarding shift changes at the companies and when the medallions would be on the road and where they would be, at T & M, hotels, or the airport.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that Frias would like more flexibility in managing their shifts to which Member Miller agreed stating that there are times when the cabs are staging at the airport for a long time.

Mr. Tomlinson asked the Board to motion to approve their request.

Chair Drobkin asked for Staff's presentation. Mr. Kuzik Kuzik made his presentation stating that there can be an over allocation of medallions and that the problem is logistics not the number of available cabs. He had spoken with the external coordinator at T & M and was told that cab service was superb so far during NFR. Mr. Kuzik also stated that normally 171 extra cabs are on the road on the weekends. He also stated that he was told that the facility manager that they had the property cleared in an hour. The Chair commented that she did not understand the discrepancy.

Member Miller asked if the Board allocates medallions and gives the Administrator the right to pull them off the road if they are not needed, how is that determination made? Mr. Kuzik explained that a spreadsheet is available for daily numbers and if the average is below standard for monthly average trips per shift, then they are not needed and the Administrator makes the decision to pull or not to pull them off the road. He stated that last year medallions were pulled off the road.

Acting Administrator Wingard commented that by the time the problem is determined, it is sometimes too late. He stated that at Cowboy Christmas, there was no problem. He would like to see a video for the weekend at hotels as well as the T & M. He also feels it's a logistical problem as there are no cabs at the hotels or LVCVA which is why he would be hesitant to pull cabs off the road.

Member Marushok stated that his concern is if an allocation is given, the cabs would not be on the Strip servicing the hotels.

Mr. Tomlinson spoke regarding peak times. He stated that there are many things going on at the same time, show breaks at many venues and cabs can only be at one place at a time. He feels better communication is needed between the companies and the different venues. He feels that wait time is the issue and should be looked at more than trips per shift with a goal of one half hour; a one hour, forty minute wait is unacceptable.

The Chair granted interventions. Intervenors were Lucky Cab, Western Cab, A Cab, Frias Holding Company, USW and ITPEU.

Donald Chan of Lucky Cab – requests 5 medallions for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Marilyn Moran of Western Cab – agrees that medallions are needed for the weekend.

Jay Nady, A Cab – even though he's restricted to West of I 15, but supports Frias' request.

Stephanie Edelman of USW – stated the biggest problem is access in and out of the properties - feels no allocation is needed.

Ruthie Jones of ITPEU – agrees with USW.

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Member Miller commented that there were a lot of conflicting comments made and agrees with the logistical problem. Member Hardy agreed with him as did the Chair.

Motion: 5 medallions Friday and Saturday
3 medallions Sunday
Does not support additional medallions for Thursday
Any 12-hour period with the Administrator's discrepancy to pull the extra medallions
if numbers show they are not needed
By: Member Josh Miller
Second: Member Forbuss
Vote: Passed unanimously

3. Public Comment

Steve Lanett, driver for Whittlesea, commented that this meeting was unnecessary, extra medallions are not needed and public comment should have been before an allocation was voted on. He felt that Mr. Kuzik's presentation was brilliant.

Ruthie Jones, ITPEU, also commented as to where public comment was put on the agenda. She stated that drivers have no where to stage due to the number of cabs on the road.

Steve Patterson of LVCVA commented that since they have been able to contact road supervisors, they do not have a problem with service.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara A. Webb, Recording Secretary Date

Approved by:

Ileana Drobkin, Chairman Date

**Lt. Joseph Wingard Date
Acting Administrator**