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**ITEM #3**

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**CONVENED**

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:04 AM in Room 1070, City Hall at 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 1 – WELCOME**

President Spiegelman called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present, noting that those wishing to testify before the Board must fill out a speaker's form. He informed the audience that if anyone is a registered lobbyist, City ordinance requires that it should be indicated on the speaker's form. He also reminded everyone that this session is being broadcast on Council Phone, to speak into the microphone and to silence cell phones.

**ITEM NO. 2 – ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Boris Gorbis, Andrea Martinez, Jesse Noonan and Eric Spiegelman; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator

**Absent:** Commissioner Mampre Pomakian

**Arrived After Roll Call:** Michael Nagle, Deputy Assistant City Attorney

**ITEM NO. 3 – MINUTES**

Commissioner Martinez moved, seconded by President Spiegelman to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019. Unanimously APPROVED.

**ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNICATIONS**

Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, addressed the Board, stating that on April 11 the Department met in front of the Transportation Committee to discuss potential permitting of TNC drivers. The outcome was that it was recommended to give the Department of Transportation authority to pursue legislation at the State level to obtain permitting authority over TNC's (Uber and Lyft). They also requested a report back within 90 days from the City Attorney's Office on the legality of any permit authorization process that would begin prior to State legislation, a report back from the Office of Finance related to whether there could be any additional requirements under the business license registration in the immediate

term, as well as a report back from Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) regarding any potential additions to their permitting process of TNC drivers.

Question and answer session occurred.

#### **ITEM NO. 5 – COMMISSION BUSINESS**

President Spiegelman addressed the Board, stating that he was informed that the City Council will be voting this week on whether or not to revoke Taxicab rule 415(c), which speaks to the placement of advertisements on the tops of taxicabs, and to decide whether or not to pursue a pilot program. He stated that in the interest of this vote, we have been asked to table Item No. 7 on today's agenda, until the next meeting.

\*President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to table Item No. 7 until the next regular meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT**

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Public comments were taken.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM NO. 6 – ADDITIONAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE TAXICAB SLOTS HELD BY L.A. CHECKER COOPERATIVE, INC. AS GRANTED BY FRANCHISE ORDINANCE 181423**

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. Dale Horton, Jr, Transportation Investigator, also addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.

Public comments were taken.

\*\*President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to table Item No. 12 on today's agenda, until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion APPROVED by a vote of 3-1 (Commissioner Gorbis – Nay).

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM NO. 7 – TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF BOARD ORDER NO. 086 – CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF MOBILE DYNAMIC MESSAGE DISPLAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING TAXI DRIVER REVENUE**

This item has been tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting. \*See Item No. 5 above (Commission Business).

#### **ITEM NO. 8 – APPEAL CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE ALL SLOTS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY MARIA GEVORKIAN**

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. The appellant was present and addressed the Board. She was accompanied by her son, Simon Kevorkian (Item No. 10 appellant), who helped translate due to the appellant's limited English language ability.

Question and answer session occurred.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to move on to Item No. 9 and resume Item No. 8 discussion afterward. Motion APPROVED by a vote of 3-1 (Commissioner Gorbis – Nay).

**ITEM NO. 9 – APPEAL CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE ALL SLOTS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY SUREN GEVORKIAN**

The appellant was present and addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Noonan, to take a 5 minute break. Unanimously APPROVED.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to deny the appeal. Motion CARRIES by a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Gorbis opposed the motion.

**ITEM NO. 10 – APPEAL CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE ALL SLOTS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY SIMON GEVORKIAN**

The appellant was present and addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.

President Spiegelman moved to deny the appeal. Commissioner Gorbis opposed the motion. No one seconded the motion. Motion DOES NOT CARRY. Appeal GRANTED.

**ITEM NO. 8 – APPEAL CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE ALL SLOTS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY MARIA GEVORKIAN (CONTINUED, TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)**

President Spiegelman moved to deny the appeal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Commissioner Gorbis opposed the motion. Motion CARRIES by a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Gorbis opposed the motion.

**ITEM NO. 11 – APPEAL CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE ALL SLOTS OWNED AND/OR OPERATED BY MARAT KHAVKIN**

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. The appellant was present and addressed the Board. He was accompanied by counsel, Rostislov Steve Kaykov, who spoke on behalf of the appellant.

Question and answer session occurred.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to grant the appeal. Unanimously APPROVED.

**ITEM NO. 12 – APPEAL OF L.A. CHECKER CAB COOPERATIVE, INC. CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE 181423**

Item No. 12 has been tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting. \*\*See Item No. 6 above (Information Item).

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to enter into Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ITEM NO. 13 – APPEAL OF ISAAC ABRAMIAN, CONCERNING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXICAB DRIVER PERMIT 522783, PURSUANT TO BOARD ORDER 471, RULE 615R**

Senior Transportation Investigator Patricia Barker presented the report. The appellant was present and requested an extension to hear the appeal.

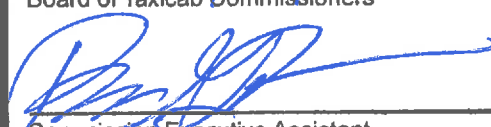
President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to grant the extension to table this appeal until the next meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to enter into regular session. Unanimously APPROVED.

**ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7**

With no further business before the Board of Taxicab Commissioners, President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M.

Approved: 6/20/19  
Board of Taxicab Commissioners  
  
Commission Executive Assistant