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**ITEM #3**

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**CONVENED**

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:05 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, Mampre Pomakian and Eric Spiegelman; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager; Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator

**Absent:** Commissioners Andrea Martinez and Jesse Noonan

**Arrived After Roll Call:** Seleta Reynolds, General Manager and Michael Nagle, Deputy Assistant City Attorney

**ITEM NO. 3 – MINUTES**

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian to table the approval of the May 16, 2019 minutes until the next meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

**ITEM NO. 4 – COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no communication reported.

**ITEM NO. 5 – COMMISSION BUSINESS**

There was no commission business.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT**

There was no neighborhood council comment taken.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Public comments were taken.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 6 – APPEAL OF L.A. CHECKER CAB COOPERATIVE, INC., CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT’S RECOMMENDATION TO REVOKE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE 181423**

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. Jarvis Murray, Taxicab Administrator, also addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.

Attorney Neil Evans was present and spoke on behalf of the appellant.

Public comments were taken.

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomakian to table this appeal until the next meeting with the following suggested conditions: take Suggested Options 1 and 3 off the table, keep Suggested Option 2 (#s 2-9), keep penalty as is for now but reconsider it to include a reasonable payment schedule, consider the hard costs of modernizing the MDS and upgrading meters and any costs put upon LADOT that LA Checker should be responsible for, which may offset the penalty, and consider suggestions about what an inspection regime will look like. LA Checker is welcome to participate in the conversation by considering what it will take to detect a zipper, and what management action is taken and can be taken when a violation is found. Unanimously APPROVED.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ITEM NO. 7 – APPEAL OF ROBERT WILLIAM FISHER, CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT’S FEBRUARY 6, 2019 CANCELLATION OF TAXICAB RIVER PERMIT #423489, PURSUANT TO BOARD ORDER 471, RULE 608R AND 617 – NO COMPANY SPONSOR**

Patricia Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report. The appellant was present and addressed the Board.

Question and answer session occurred.


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

President Spiegelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Gorbis, to enter in 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 Pomakian, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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

