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ITEM #3

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, July 20, 2023
10:00 AM**

CONVENED

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

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 and give it to the Commission Executive Assistant. 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 Andrea Martinez, Andre Colaiace, Alma Martinez, and Eric Spiegelman; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager (AGM); and Michael Nagle, Deputy City Attorney (DCA)

Absent: Commissioner Jacqueline Kennedy

Item No. 3 – Minutes

Commissioner Andrea Martinez moved, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Minutes of June 22, 2023. Unanimously APPROVED.

Item No. 4 – Communications

No communications reported

Item No. 5 – Commission Business

a. Election of President

- President Spiegelman nominated Commissioner Alma Martinez to be the next President of this Board, seconded by Commissioner Andrea Martinez. Unanimously APPROVED.
- Commissioner Alma Martinez thanked the Chair and accepted the nomination and the appointment.

- Commissioner Spiegelman handed the meeting to newly appointed President Alma Martinez to finish.

b. Election of Vice President

- President Alma Martinez nominated Commissioner Colaiace for Vice President.
- Commissioner Colaiace declined, stated his reason, and nominated Commissioner Spiegelman.
- Commissioner Spiegelman accepted.
- Commissioner Andrea Martinez seconded. Unanimously APPROVED.
- Commissioner Spiegelman is the new Vice President of this Board.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

No comments provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments provided.

Commissioner Spiegelman moved, seconded by President Alma Martinez to go into Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item No. 6 – Appeal of Wayne G. Hart, Concerning the Department’s June 15, 2023 Decision to Deny His Taxicab Driver Application, Pursuant to LADOT Taxicab Rule Book Section 600, Rules 607 and 615

Joe Richard II, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Question and answer was provided.

- Commissioner Spiegelman asked Mr. Richard to provide more detail on the appellant’s 1996 conviction “fraud to obtain aid”.
- Mr. Richard let the Commissioner know that he did not have that information and will let the appellant respond.

Appellant Wayne G. Hart was present and addressed the Board. He explained his 1996 conviction “fraud to obtain aid”.

Comments were provided.

- Commissioner Spiegelman gave some context on how the Board handled previous similar situations with regards to the falsification of an application issue.
- Commissioner Colaiace stated that he was inclined to approve the appeal given that the time passed for the convictions and its nature.
- Commissioner Spiegelman asked if there was a taxicab company sponsor.
- Mr. Richard confirmed that there was no company sponsor.
- President Alma Martinez asked the appellant if he returned the overpayments.
- Appellant Hart responded that he did.
- Commissioner Colaiace renewed his motion to approve the appeal based on the time that elapsed between the convictions and the nature of the conviction.

Commissioner Colaiace moved, seconded by President Alma Martinez to approve the appeal. Unanimously APPROVED.

Item No. 7 – Appeal of Alexander Dragan Pelic, Concerning the Department’s March 31, 2023 Decision to Deny the Taxicab Driver Application, Pursuant to LADOT Taxicab Rule Book, Section 600, Rule 607

Joe Richard II, Senior Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Questions and answers were provided.

- Commissioner Spiegelman asked to if the appellant disclosed this on his application.
- Mr. Richard confirmed that the appellant did not disclose this on his application.
- Commissioner Spiegelman wanted to know more about the circumstances of the conviction.

Appellant Alexander Dragan Pelic was present and addressed the Board and explained the circumstances of his conviction.

Additional question and answer was provided.

- Commissioner Spiegelman asked to if there was a company sponsor for the appeal.
- Mr. Richard gestured that there was no company sponsor.

President Alma Martinez moved, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the appeal of Alexander Dragan Pelic. Unanimously APPROVED.

President Alma Martinez moved, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to go back into Regular Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

Deputy City Attorney Nagle reported that in the Executive Session, the Board granted the appeal of Wayne G. Hart in Item No. 6, and in Item No. 7, granted the appeal of Alexander Dragan Pelic.

Commissioners Andrea Martinez and Spiegelman welcomed Commissioner Alma Martinez to the Presidency.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Approved: 10/19/2023
Board of Taxicab Commissioners

Ailana Aguirre
Commission Executive Assistant