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**ITEM #3**

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**CONVENED**

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**Item No. 1 – Welcome**

Vice 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, and Eric Spiegelman; Jarvis Murray (Taxicab Administrator); and Kevin Dufner, Deputy City Attorney (DCA)

Absent: Tomas Carranza, Assistant General Manager

**Item No. 3 – Minutes**

Commissioner Andrea Martinez moved, seconded Vice President Eric Spiegelman to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2023. Unanimously APPROVED.

**Item No. 4 – Communications**

No communications reported.

**Item No. 5 – Commission Business**

- a. Election of President
  - Vice President Spiegelman nominated Commissioner Andre Colaiace to be the next President of this Board, seconded by Commissioner Andrea Martinez. Unanimously APPROVED.

- Commissioner Andre Colaiace accepted the nomination and the appointment.
- Commissioner Spiegelman handed the meeting to newly appointed President, Andre Colaiace to finish.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT**

No comments provided.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were taken.

Comments, questions, and answers were provided.

President Colaiace addressed Mr. Murray and said he recalled the rates had been increased by 10 percent and asked if that was correct.

Mr. Murray confirmed the rates were increased by 10 percent.

President Colaiace said there was a study being undertaken to see if there was a need to increase rates by an additional 10 percent. President Colaiace said the commission is only allowed to approve a 10 percent increase and any additional increments must be approved by city council and asked Mr. Murray if that was correct.

Mr. Murray said it is his understanding that the commission's is allowed to approve up to 10 percent without city council's approval. But since the commission has already approved a 10 percent rate increase, anything further than that, to set a new baseline, would have to be approved by council.

President Colaiace asked Mr. Murray if there is still a study being done to see if there is a need to increase rates.

Mr. Murray replied the study has been put on hold because other priorities have taken precedence. Mr. Murray said when the study is to be done, DOT would be in agreement that a rate change should be made.

Commissioner Martinez had a follow-up question for Mr. Murray. What's the time frame that the commission can approve 10 percent increases? Is it one year, 4 years, or is there a time period?

Mr. Murray replied that he is not aware of a time period. Mr. Murray said it is his understanding that a baseline rate is set. The commission can approve a 10 percent increase, and anything beyond that must be approved by council. When council approves an increase that will become the new baseline. At that point the commission can choose to increase rates up to 10 percent without council approval.

President Andre Colaiace asked Mr. Murray if he could provide a presentation at the next board meeting on the LADOT process for issuing taxicab driver and vehicle permits, and if LADOT has sufficient staff for permitting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Item No. 6 - Appeal of Razmik Kerobyan, Concerning the Department's October 18, 2023 Decision to Deny His Taxicab Driver Application, Pursuant to LAMC Section 71.08 (A), and Temporary Suspension of the Driver Taxicab Permit pursuant to Taxicab Rule Book section 800, Taxicab Rule 810(A).**

Postponed to December's Taxicab Board Meeting.

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

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

**The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM**

Approved 01/18/2024  
Board of Taxicab Commissioners  
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Commission Executive Assistant