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ITEM #3

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2024

10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Taxicab Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:03 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Item No. 1 – Welcome

President Colaiace 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

President Colaiace briefly announced that the Board has two new Commissioners and asked that they introduce themselves.

Present: Commissioners Andre Colaiace, Billy J. Green, and Nicole Chase; Deputy City Attorneys (DCA) Michael Nagle and Kevin Dufner

Absent: Tomas Carranza, Assistant General Manager; Taxicab Administrator Jarvis Murray

Item No. 3 – Minutes

President Colaiace noted that on the second page of the Minutes, it states that it was seconded by Vice President Spiegelman. It should be changed to Vice President Welliver. With that change, President Colaiace motioned to approve the Minutes but noted that the two new Commissioners were not present for that meeting and asked the DCAs if the Minutes could be approved.

DCA Dufner stated that the new Commissioners are welcome to abstain but their votes will be counted as a "yes".

President Colaiace moved with the change, seconded by Commissioner Chase to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2024. Unanimously APPROVED.

Item No. 4 – Communications

No communications reported.

Item No. 5 – Commission Business

No Commission Business reported.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENT

No comments provided

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

President Colaiace moved, seconded by Commissioner Chase to move into Executive Session.
Unanimously APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**Item No. 6 – Appeal of Brian Everett McPherson, Concerning the Department’s August 23, 2024, Decision to Deny His Taxicab Driver Application, Pursuant to Taxicab Rulebook Section 600, Rules 607 & 615**

Alejandro Juan, Transportation Investigator, presented the report and announced that the appellant was not present.

Questions and answers were provided.

- President Colaiace asked if Mr. McPherson was notified of the hearing.
- Mr. Juan confirmed that Mr. McPherson was notified by email, phone, and a letter.
- President Colaiace asked if Mr. McPherson indicated he was going to attend.
- Mr. Juan stated that they never heard back.
- President Colaiace expressed how the Commission has been sympathetic to people who have committed infractions and come before the Board in the past; however, the Commission do require they come in person. He stated that the Commission have two choices: hold this over and give the appellant another chance to come before the Board or approve staff’s recommendation to deny the appeal. He asked the other Commissioners for their opinion.
- Commissioner Green stated that she would like to hear from the driver before she made a decision.
- Commissioner Chase asked if an individual is required to provide a list of each specific infraction in detail.
- Mr. Juan responded that they have to provide everything they were convicted of but not in detail.
- Commissioner Chase asked if it is acceptable in a legal document for a person with multiple crimes to state “do not remember the specific dates” over a course of 10 – 15 years.
- Mr. Juan could not confirm but he will investigate and report back.
- President Colaiace stated that if the Commission was in favor of holding this over and ask that staff make another attempt to contact the appellant for the next meeting.
- DCA Dufner confirmed President Colaiace statement was correct.

- Commissioner Chase asked to clarify the protocols of communication when an email is sent to an individual and that individual responded to the email, but did not show up.
- CEA Dennise confirmed that she made three attempts to notify the appellant but never received a response. (Google calendar, email reminder with documents, and an overnight mail E-packet)
- Mr. Juan reported that Sr. Investigator Richard called the appellant and left a voice message but never received a call back.
- President Colaiace stated that they could hold the item over and ask staff to contact the appellant or could approve staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.
- Commissioner Chase asked if it is a permanent denial.
- Mr. Juan confirmed it is a permanent denial.
- Sr. Investigator Richard clarified that for this application, it would be a permanent denial but the appellant could reapply and go through the same process.

Commissioner Green moved, seconded by Commissioner Chase to support the Department's denial. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Green moved, seconded by Commissioner Chase to leave the Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.


DCA Dufner reported for the record that during the Closed Session, the Commissioners approved the recommendations of the Department in Item No. 6.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Approved: 11/21/2024
Board of Taxicab Commissioners


Commission Executive Assistant

