RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION OF THE LOGISTICS COLLECTIVE INCORPORATED FOR TWO UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

a. Find that The Logistics Collective Incorporated, based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles.

b. Grant two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits to The Logistics Collective Incorporated contingent upon:

1. The applicant filing with the Department in such form as the Department requires and thereafter keeping in full force and effect a policy of automobile liability insurance acceptable to the City Attorney and the City Risk Manager;

2. The drivers and attendants obtaining the required permits;

3. The applicant obtaining commercial or exempt registration for the vehicle;

4. The vehicle passing Department inspection;

5. The applicant complying with all Board rules and regulations and City ordinances pertaining to the operation of non-ambulatory passenger vehicles;

6. The applicant charging only those rates for non-ambulatory passenger vehicle services as set forth in Board Order No. 608 (Ordinance No. 187587) and successor regulations; and

7. The vehicles must be placed into service within 120 days after the Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) approval or such authority shall become invalid. Upon written request and for good cause, the Department, in its discretion, may grant an extension of time beyond the initial 120-day period after Board approval. Any request for an extension beyond the initial deadline date must be received prior to the 120-day deadline. Furthermore, if an extension is granted, only one extension may be allowed per application.
INITIATED BY

On September 19, 2022, the Department received an application from Uche Lord Eme, Chief Executive Officer of The Logistics Collective Incorporated, 12130 Millennium Drive, Unit 03-130, Los Angeles, California 90094, requesting two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits which include one vehicle permit for wheelchair service and one vehicle permit for gurney service. On February 3, 2023, the Department received the required documents needed to complete the application (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

The Logistics Collective Incorporated is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of The Logistics Collective Incorporated’s business is as follows: On January 22, 2021, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing The Logistics Collective Incorporated (Attachment 2). On April 8, 2021, the Statement of Information (Entity Type: Corporation) was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Uche Lord Eme as Chief Executive Officer, Uduka Duke Eme as Secretary, and Ijagaha Eme as Chief Financial Officer (Attachment 3). Uche Lord Eme and Ijagaha Eme are the shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of The Logistics Collective Incorporated was evaluated against Section 2 of the Guidelines for Establishing Public Convenience and Necessity as established by the Board on August 11, 2005 for applicants with no unrestricted private ambulance vehicle permits (Attachment 4).

a. **Experience** – The applicant submitted the resume of Rodney Williams, who as a Second Class Petty Officer with the United States Naval Fleet at Virginia Beach, Virginia, served as Fleet Manager, Supervisor and Hazmat Coordinator from February 2010 to November 2015. Mr. Williams’ resume states that his responsibilities included safety compliance, inventory control, operations, financial reporting, training and evaluation of the staff, and inspection and maintenance of vehicles.

b. **Background Check** – The background checks were conducted on the owners and general manager of The Logistics Collective Incorporated and no disqualifying criminal history was found as listed in Board Order No. 600.

c. **Financial Capability** – The applicant submitted the financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.

d. **Hours of Operation** – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 5 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by The Logistics Collective Incorporated in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.

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