

County of Westchester



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting (Webex Event)

WC Taxi and Limousine Commission

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Leandra Eustache called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and noted board member attendance as follows:

Present: Leandra Eustache, Millie Becker, Morton David, Sean Meade, Jorge Rodrigues, Edward Stoppelmann and Terence Toal.

Absent: John Khader

Chairperson Eustache moved to excuse the absence of John Khader from the current meeting because he informed the board that he would be attending his daughter's graduation this morning. Jorge Rodrigues seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for March 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Jorge Rodrigues, seconded by Morton David. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Speaking

Two members of the public were present to offer remarks: D. Etienne and T. Cicchiello. Soon after the speakers introduced themselves, technical difficulties caused Chairperson Eustache and the other in-person attendees to lose connection to the virtual meeting. During this time, the public speakers shared that they believe the fare prices posted at Westchester County Airport were unreasonably low and that they have been charging higher prices which they opined they were entitled to collect because of the size and class of vehicles they operate. Chairperson Eustache disagreed stating that the speakers should not take it upon themselves to charge different pricing and that if they disagree with the pricing, the correct course of action is to reach out to TLC and express their concerns about the pricing.

The speakers went on to say that they had been contacted by staff members of the Commission and accused of overcharging for rates they quoted for certain destinations, even some that are not posted on the fare chart at the airport. They also expressed that they believe that there is a lack of enforcement at the airport against unlicensed operators especially against one illegal operator in particular who works at the airport handling baggage.

Chairperson Eustache noted that fares to any destination not posted at the airport should be a negotiated rate between the driver and the passenger. She also shared that she was not happy to hear about the lack of enforcement and would take action through the appropriate channels. She also agreed to have Commission staff reevaluate the fare prices posted at the airport.

Old Business

Booting & Scofflaw Update

Chairperson Eustache noted that no enforcement officers were present for the meeting so she delivered the Booting & Scofflaw Update, noting that \$10,875 had

been collected in overdue fines in April 2022, bringing the year-to-date total to \$75,565.

Monthly Revenue Reports - TABLED

This agenda item was tabled due to time constrictions caused by technical difficulties.

Ratification of 4/27/2022 E-mail Base Vote - TABLED

This agenda item was tabled due to time constrictions caused by technical difficulties.

New Business

New Base Stations

Elyon Ambulette Transportation Inc.

8 Revolutionary Road, Suite 2B

Ossining NY 10562

Owner: Barbara Richards

1 Vehicle: 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan

1 Driver: Barbara Richards

Type: Full for hire base permit.

Background: Owner is new to the business and has a commercial address.

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Terry Toal. Motion passed unanimously.

G&D International Inc.

1605 John Street, Suite 126

Fort Lee NJ 07024

Owner: Gurocak Guray

1 Vehicle: 2021 Cadillac Escalade

1 Driver: Gurocak Guray

Type: Full for hire base permit

Background: Owner has been in business for over 10 years, expanding to Westchester County, commercial address.

Motion to approve by Terry Toal, seconded by Morton David. Motion passed unanimously.

Yakov Transportation

321 Elwood Ave, Suite D

Hawthorne NY 10532

Owner: Yakov Yushanayev

1 Vehicle: 2013 Honda Odyssey

1 Driver: Yakov Yushanayev

Type: Full for hire base permit.

Background: Owner is new to the business and has a commercial address.

Motion to approve by Terry Toal, seconded by Ed Stoppelmann. Motion passed unanimously.

ALJ Recommendations

March 23, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Terry Toal. Motion passed unanimously.

April 6, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Millie Becker. Motion passed unanimously.

April 13, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Ed Stoppelmann, seconded by Morton David. Motion passed unanimously.

April 20, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Chairperson Eustache. Motion passed unanimously.

May 4, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Terry Toal. Motion passed unanimously.

May 11, 2022 – Informal Hearings

Motion to approve by Morton David, seconded by Terry Toal. Motion passed unanimously.

May 18, 2022 – Informal Hearings --TABLED

This agenda item was tabled for lack of quorum without the vote of Chairperson Eustache who wished to abstain from the vote.

Proposed Rule Changes - Clean Up Package Draft 4.2 - TABLED

This agenda item was tabled due to time constrictions caused by technical difficulties.

Open Discussion of Items of General Interest

Upcoming Townhalls for Airport Master Plan

Chairperson Eustache shared that the County is seeking to engage the public at upcoming town halls regarding the Airport Master Plan. Millie promised to share the upcoming town hall dates with the board.

Other Items for Discussion

Due to time constrictions caused by technical difficulties, no other items of general interest were discussed.

Adjournment - Next Meeting June 16, 2022

Motion to adjourn by Morton David, seconded by Terry Toal. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.
