

**METROPOLITAN TAXI COMMISSION  
1300 CONVENTION PLAZA  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103**

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Minutes of the  
COMMISSION MEETING

June 27, 2003

1300 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO

2:00 p.m.

The Commission Meeting convened at 2:05 p.m.

Present were:

Louis P. Hamilton, Vice Chairman, James Harris, David McNutt, Basil Rudawsky, Larry Satz and Solomon Tadesse.

Absent were:

Thomas W. McCarthy, Chairman and Vincent Bennett

There being a quorum the meeting continued.

Acting Chairman Hamilton announced Commissioner Thomas P. Dunne had resigned for personal reasons. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the efforts and hard work of Commissioner Dunne.

County Executive George (Buzz) Westfall will name a new commissioner shortly.

1. Public Comments - Gail McBrearty of Park 'n Fly deferred to Joseph R. Biebel of Airpark who then spoke on the issue of the cost of Courtesy Driver's licenses. Sandra Jones of Airpark concurred with these comments. Vice Chair Hamilton agreed there was a need for further discussion.

Dr. Ziub of ATC addressed the issue of one way trips for airport cabs per Ch 6 (p.18) of the code.

Larry Goldstein of Chesterfield Cab spoke on the issue of airport waiting

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times; that the rules were distributed through the companies and the VHC was heavy on the drivers.

2. Closed Session - Comm. McNutt moved and Comm. Satz seconded a motion to close the session to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
3. After the closed session, the Acting Director's Report, Inspection Report and Communications Report were received by the Commission. The Acting Director also advised the Commission that he had personally reviewed ethical issues with the staff.
4. The licensing of vehicles formerly licensed by St. Louis County was stayed for sixty (60) days.
5. Consideration was given to the frequency and effective dates of amendments to the code so that proper notice may be given to all concerned.
6. The staff proposed that Commission matters may be saved and recorded in electronic format. The staff was directed to make a proposed motion for submission to the Commission.
7. The use of cellular phones in the presence of passengers was discussed and will be brought back as a formal amendment.
8. The issue of the Courtesy Van Driver's license and the turnover of the Drivers was reiterated following the comments made by the public.
9. The issue of the regulation of stretcher vans was deferred.
10. The staff advised that the St. Louis Community College was interested in establishing a public chauffeur course.
11. The issue of fees for replacement / change of companies was discussed.
12. The meeting was adjourned pursuant to motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.