

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission  
**October 26, 2022 @ 10:00 am**  
**Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom**

Members present: Chairman: McNutt, Commissioners Satz, Rudawsky, Vianello, Asfaw  
Absent: Commissioner Osho

Legal Department: Charles Billings

**AGENDA & MINUTES**

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 10:02 AM and the roll was called: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-present, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Vianello-present and Chairman McNutt – present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt moved to approve the October 26, 2022, agenda. The motion second by Commissioner Osho, roll was called Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes Commissioner Osho-yes and Chairman McNutt – yes, and the agenda was approved.
- Following the approval of the agenda, Chairmen McNutt called for to moved to adopt, July 22, 2022, meeting minutes and Commissioner Rudawsky moved and Commissioner Satz second the motion the previous roll call was used the minutes were adopted.
- An additional meeting was set for November 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM via Zoom
- The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday November 22, 2022, at 10 AM via Zoom

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Director Klein introduced the CCN application for America Transport LLC saying that staff has reviewed the application and that we recommend the approval. Chairman McNutt moved that they approve it was second by Commissioner Asfaw. Commissioner Asfaw asked if this was a new company, or an existing company? Director Klein said it was a new company the name is America not American all the commissioner agreed it was confusing. Commissioner Rudawsky asked what the Premium Sedan population is verse before pandemic Director Klein said that it was still down, He also added Premium Sedans was recovering faster than the Taxi Cabs. Commissioner Vianello asked why the application was being heard now but the business license was from 2019? Sandy answered that the application was submitted in November 2019 and the pandemic hit so we stopped hearing applications. Chairman McNutt Said the name was too similar to the already existing Company America Transportation, Director Klein said we do not pick the name and if there is going to be an objection to the name it would have to come from the commissioners, Commissioner Asfaw objected to the name. Alijah Aruehi said he talked to his attorney about the name and the Secretary of State office is the one that approved the name. Mr. Billings said on the legal side the Secretary of State would not assign like names however this board uses a different standard that would mislead the public. Commissioner Asfaw said that he strongly suggests changing the name. Mr. Aruehi said he has a website, and it would be too hard

to change it. Commissioner Asfaw asked if he had any affiliation to American Transportation Mr. Aruehi answered no. Chairman McNutt asked if he was currently operation and if so under whose authority? Mr. Aruehi answered Omega. Chairman McNutt moved to vote Commissioner Asfaw Second the motion a vote was taken called Commissioner Satz-yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes Commissioner Osho-yes and Chairman McNutt – yes, and the application was approved.

Director Klein talked about the code changes that needs to take place at the airport there have been complaints that there are not taxis at the airport due to airport taxi drivers holding spots and not returning to work. The new code would permit the drivers that have been gone for more than 6 months to be removed from the CCN. Chairman McNutt asked for Commissioner Osho's opinion he said that something does need to change. Commissioner Rudawsky said that it was more of a traffic control problem why the taxis are not controlling the movement of vehicles correctly.

Mr. Ranguelov from Compass Express asked about the Insurance being in the company name, Chairman McNutt said that it has always been that way and that the insurance must be carried by the CCN holder. Chairman McNutt asked Mr. Billings to give his thoughts, Mr. Billings said that the insurance is not the ownership for the vehicles it must be a commercial line of insurance for transportation. Dominic from Alternative Insurance said that if they put the CCN holder as an additional insured it would be legal. Commissioner Asfaw said when you try to insure everyone under one policy it is too expensive. Chairman McNutt said send what you have then legal will look at it and if they can work it out, they will. Dominic said that the additional insured will cover the CCN holder and MTC. Commissioner Rudawsky agreed that the Additional insured and Certificate holder was a good thing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no need for an Executive session and no more on the agenda, Chairman McNutt moved to end the meeting at 11:08 AM and it was second by Commissioner Satz. The previous roll was used, and the meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Sandy Page*

