

**Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 11, 2003**

**9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard**

(Meeting began at 9:15 a.m., due to traffic/parking problems because of a gas leak in a nearby section of Olive Street.)

Meeting was chaired by Lou Hamilton, due to the absence of Tom McCarthy.

Mr. Hamilton called the meeting to order. The roll call followed; present were: Vincent Bennett, James Harris, Lou Hamilton, Dave McNutt, Mike Morgan, Basil Rudawsky and Solomon Tadesse. Absent were: Tom McCarthy and Larry Satz.

**Per the Agenda:**

Item 1. Approval of the meeting Minutes of August 8, 2003. This item will be deferred until next month, since the Minutes are not in the format which the Board prefers.

Item 2. Overview of the meeting's procedures. Mr. Hamilton welcomed audience participation, and outlined the procedures for doing so. To address the Board, speakers must sign in.

Mr. Hamilton stipulated that this is a business meeting, thus no disruptions or lack of courtesy will be tolerated.

Item 3: The Director's Report. MTC Director Mike Tully provided an overview of what has been accomplished in the 90 days since the MTC began operating. He then outlined what MTC intends to achieve in the near future.

Mr. Tully provided a summary of the activities performed by the MTC Staff, and enumerated, by class, the numbers of new and replacement licenses issued.

Mr. Tully stated that the MTC has recently begun its billing process, and on last Friday, September 5, it sent out the first of several series of invoices.

Furthermore, several special mailings have been accomplished, detailed as follows:  
On August 18, a letter was sent to hotel operators reaffirming our operating procedures.  
On August 25, a letter was sent to Premium Sedan owners, stipulating the new requirement for physical examination and drug testing of drivers; this letter also advised that strict enforcement of the MTC Vehicle for Hire Code would commence on September 1.  
Company owners were made aware that proof of insurance is required and that if a car is taken out of service, all identifying markings must be removed.

Mr. Tully enumerated the incidences of "red tagging" of vehicles by MTC enforcement agents and airport police; reported the suspension of one driver for a 7-day term; and detailed the numbers of warnings, summonses, and actual arrests enforced at the Airport.

Mr. Tully then introduced Sgt. Tim Sampson, head of the Airport enforcement squad, and commended him for the support and cooperation he has extended to the Commission and its staff.

Mr. Tully enumerated several investigations he has conducted, concerning Airport shuttles, and vehicles for hire which are not licensed by the MTC. He found there are more than 10 companies which have no license whatsoever. There followed an explanation of how Airport vehicles for hire are "staged," plus an acknowledgment of the prohibition against two-way operations for airport cabs.

Mr. Tully then recommended that this Commission adopt a new category encompassing "commercial vehicles for hire."