

Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 6, 2003  
9:00 a.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard

**Call to order** by Chairman McCarthy, at 9:25 a.m.

**Roll call**: present were: Tom McCarthy, Lou Hamilton, Vince Bennett, James Harris, Dave McNutt, Mike Morgan, Basil Rudawsky. Not present: Larry Satz, (and Solomon Tadesse, who had resigned the previous day, November 5).

**Approval of Minutes**: Chairman McCarthy stated that he will first visit items of Old Business, then return to the Minutes of the last 3 sessions.

**Items of Old Business**:

**"Flu Shot Day"**: (as suggested for consideration by Commissioner Satz at last month's meeting) Mr. Tully stated he has contacted the Visiting Nurse Association, then outlined their terms. Mr. Hamilton stated that, with City Hall giving shots for \$5, and the recent grocery strike now settled, there are numerous resources in the community which are less costly.

**Random Drug Testing**: Mr. Tully explained there is a letter in each Commissioner's folder, and he stated that Quest Medical gave us a quote based on calling in one-third of the drivers for random testing. Added that he and Commissioner McNutt attended a Quest presentation, and the cost is indicated in their letter copies.

Mr. McNutt mentioned that, once we get all the drivers licenses renewed, the Commission will thus have created a database which we can pull from, to select the subjects for random testing.

Mr. McCarthy instructed the Director to develop a "white paper" on the total costs of physicals and drug tests, AND circulate it to all regulated parties for comments and input –and, to solicit all such commentary by the next meeting, and to advise *by what date* we propose to take action.

**Insurance Coverage Requirements**: This was previously raised by the rep from ABC Cab, that the rate is burdensome.

Mr. Tully explained that he and Commissioner Morgan met with 2 insurance brokers just two days ago, and are discussing options. There is a copy of one company's proposal in each Commissioner's folder; Mr. Tully then turned the discussion over to Mike Morgan:

Mr. Morgan stated they had met and reviewed limits and effective periods. There is a difference between City and County –we probably will have to choose an effective date next year, so that all the companies' policies go into effect at the same time. Mr. Morgan suggested July 1, since the brokers said that provides adequate time to obtain the coverage, once the Commission decides.

Discussion followed about the various ratings and coverage terms. Mr. McCarthy stated MTC must investigate, and ensure the coverage is affordable –and, we will want to make this decision by January.

Mr. McCarthy solicited input from any of our Commissioners, and asked that if anyone has any contacts in the insurance industry, to contact Director Tully.