

Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Board Meeting  
Friday, December 19, 2003

1:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard

Call to Order at 1:10 p.m.

Roll Call – all 8 Commissioners were present (Mr. Tadesse’s successor has not yet been named)

Old Business
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Director Tully addressed each of the following items of old business:

Random drug testing:

Mr. Tully presented a “white paper” about his survey of local drug testing facilities; discussion about acceptability of urine/saliva tests followed. There was much concern about whether to have the random tests replace the annual, or to be done in addition to the annual, testing. Extensive discussion ensued, about who should bear the cost, and about how the Commission might respond should a driver receive a positive test result.

Mr. McCarthy asked for a recommendation in this regard to be presented by Mr. Tully at the January meeting.

Special license plates

Mr. Tully reported that we are unable to obtain special “TX” plates from the Missouri Department of Revenue, and our only recourse is to require drivers to obtain personalized plates. We must, however, effect statutory change through the Legislature, to require issuance of special plates and to be given the authority to seize such plates whenever a vehicle leaves service as a taxicab.

Municipal League

Mr. Tully gave his report of whom he contacted; they requested that we mail them a letter stating how they can promote us, and that we include a copy of our Code; that letter was mailed earlier this week.

Correspondence /special mailings we have issued at the Commission’s instruction:

Mr. Tully enumerated the letters which have been issued; a copy of each is in the Commissioners’ folders today for reference.

Investigation into driver’s complaint about “violation report” distribution procedures

Mr. Tully reported that his investigation found the driver’s allegation to be substantiated – drivers have not heretofore been given copies of these “write-ups.” A three-part form already has been developed and will soon be printed. Mr. McCarthy interjected his view that the driver’s *company* should also automatically be informed whenever any driver receives a violation report.

(Mr. McCarthy announced that he is re-ordering today’s agenda, since some of the Commissioners may have to leave early to fulfill other obligations, and he now wants to address items which require motions/voting by the members).