

Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission  
Board Meeting – Friday, January 23, 2004  
1:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard

Call to Order at 1:20 p.m. by Vice Chairman Lou Hamilton, with apologizes for the late start. Due to the unanticipated absence of MTC Chairman Thomas McCarthy today, Mr. Hamilton will now chair this meeting, but was unavoidably detained by having to arrive from a previous appointment.

Roll Call was conducted: present were Acting Chairman Hamilton and Commissioners Harris, McNutt, Morgan, Rudawsky, and Satz.

Absent were Chairman McCarthy and Commissioner Bennett; it is noted that the successor to Commissioner Tadesse has not yet been chosen.

Note: there are 12 attendees in the public audience

Approval of December meeting Minutes: Since each Commissioner had been sent an advance copy of the text of the previous meeting's Minutes, Chairman Hamilton entertained a motion to approve them, after soliciting any additions, corrections or deletions. None was offered.

Motion to approve the Minutes as written was made by Mr. Satz, seconded by Mr. Morgan, and was passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Insurance coverage: Report was given by MTC Treasurer, Mike Morgan. He has obtained considerable information but is not yet ready to provide an overview in written form. Mr. Morgan pledged to have a written report to circulate to the Commissioners *in advance* of the February meeting and to present to the public at the meeting itself (which, later in today's session, was scheduled for February 20, 2004).

Random drug testing:

Mr. Tully explained that the random drug testing policy is not yet on paper. Stated he met at 2:00 yesterday with the Barnes Care representative and obtained their proposal – he will share that material with the Commissioners now, yet pledged everyone will discuss it thoroughly before the next meeting.

Mr. Hamilton affirmed, the Commissioners will get into detail about this, only *after* they receive Mr. Tully's recommendations.

Mr. Tully added that we need to address the 'target population' aspect– he has a meeting with the DOT next Tuesday (meaning, January 27) and this issue is part of the agenda to be discussed during that meeting.

"Customer Comment" Cards: Mr. Tully provided a reference sheet which detailed the U.S. Postal Service's two plan choices for establishing a Business Reply Mail postcard. The page also depicted a staff-developed prototype, with sample front and back shown, of the type of postcard which the MTC might use to solicit and record complaints/commendations from taxicab passengers. Both USPS plans are costly (with one plan being feasible only for a minimum volume of 950 replies in one year); Mr. Hamilton suggested we might instead just develop our own postcard and affix the standard 23 cents postcard postage, rather than using the USPS Business Reply Card methods and paying that additional annual expense. However it was pointed out that using simple pre-stamped postcards incurs the expense despite the possibility that few/no postcards may ever be returned; whereas both USPS methods assess fees only for postcards