

Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Board Meeting
Friday, April 2, 2004
1:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard

Meeting began at 1:15 p.m., with the Call to Order by Chairman McCarthy.
Roll Call was conducted; all Commissioners were present except Mr. Satz.

(note: there were 12 attendees in the audience)

Mr. McCarthy announced we do have a quorum. He then personally welcomed our new Commissioner, Mr. Shiferaw, since he (Mr. McCarthy) was absent from last month's meeting.

Mr. McCarthy then called for approval of the Minutes of the March 5 meeting.
(the Commissioners had all been sent an advance copy; there were no revisions proposed.)

**Mr. Hamilton so moved, Mr. Morgan seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. McCarthy, citing the agenda, asked Mr. Tully about the follow-up to a commendation of a driver who had returned a passenger's wallet. Mr. Tully explained that the driver was to have been commended at last month's public meeting, but he has since moved to California, so a letter of commendation was mailed to his local address on file, in the expectation it will be forwarded.

Mr. McCarthy moved on to the subject of random drug testing.

Mr. Tully briefly explained how the program will work; reported a notification letter already has been drafted and will be mailed out to owners closer to the July 1 effectiveness date.

Mr. McCarthy, per the agenda, then mentioned the subject of permitting "reserve" cabs at the airport.

Mr. Tully explained that an inquiry had been made, as to whether there should even be "reserve" cabs allowed within the *Airport* classification.

Mr. McCarthy asked for the history of this issue. Mr. Tully stated that the MTC staff has just completed its census, which stands at 250; however a few airport owners, during field inspections, had asked if they will be permitted to retain "reserves."

There followed a discussion of the judiciousness of permitting this to be done. It was made clear that to hold "reserves" (as is already permissible in the On-Call classification) the owners would have to pay the full applicable fee which is \$1,100 for Airport cabs (yet only \$55 for On-Call.)

Mr. McCarthy suggested that the Commissioners look into the issue much more thoroughly, and asked Mr. Tully to make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Mr. McCarthy then moved, per the agenda, on to the audit and financial reports contained in the Commissioners' folders today.

Mr. Tully stated that St. Louis County Auditor has concluded his preliminary audit and issued his findings and some recommendations. He added that he and MTC Treasurer/Commissioner Mike Morgan had attended an 'exit conference,' where they reviewed all the audit team's suggestions and recommendations - and each of those has already been complied with/implemented.

Mr. Morgan clarified that everything was found to be in excellent order, per the audit - only a few 'administrative' suggestions were made, which were chiefly practical considerations but which did not constitute actual errors or problems.

Mr. Tully added that we have already turned in our responses to all their suggestions, and they will reply by letter when they review those responses.