

/Minutes of the Metropolitan Taxicab Commission Meeting  
Friday, January 14, 2005  
1:00 p.m., in the Auditorium at 100 North Tucker Boulevard.

(Note: there were 12 attendees in the audience today)

Meeting was called to order at 1: 10 p.m. by MTC Commissioner/Treasurer Mike Morgan, who explained that he will chair today's meeting in the absence of Chairman McCarthy and of Vice Chairman Hamilton, both of whom are out of town.

Roll was called; present were Commissioners Bennett, McNutt, Morgan, Rudawsky and Satz. Absent were Commissioners McCarthy, Hamilton, Harris and Shiferaw. Mr. Morgan confirmed that we do have the necessary quorum to conduct this meeting, since there is a balance of members from both City and County jurisdictions in attendance as is required.

Mr. Morgan stated that, as Mr. Hamilton had done at the December meeting, he is re-ordering today's Agenda to accommodate some speakers who cannot stay until the end of the meeting, yet who wish to address the board members. The formal Agenda will immediately follow, and there will be a brief Executive Session conducted today, which is a *closed meeting*.

Public Comments
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First speaker was Mr. Stephen Ukman

- Speaker stated that he represents Mr. John Loynd, who is requesting the Commission's approval to purchase Archway Cab Company – the current owner, Michael Palazzolo, is also in attendance today.

Speaker said that he has submitted the appropriate information to Director Tully and is aware there is a Vehicle for Hire Code which states that the Commission must approve all sales and all transfers of licenses, adding that Archway Cab holds 22 permits.

Director Tully stood and affirmed that this application has been received, as has the contract of sale, which Mr. Tully has accepted and referred for review to our legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McCarthy, who will now explain the legal ramifications:

Mr. Patrick McCarthy then informed the board that he is developing prototypes/templates for each of these kinds of transactions; he added that the parties had met just before Christmas 2004 and he had only received the written proposal approximately 10 days ago. He stated that the next step is to have the staff review the application on its merits and to make its recommendation at the February meeting, as to whether or not to approve it.

Mr. Morgan asked Mr. (Patrick) McCarthy to clarify his own understanding that, once the members receive the staff's recommendation, it is the board's duty to consider and approve the application. (The speaker interjected a question as to whether the decision will actually be made during the February meeting.) Mr. McCarthy replied 'yes' to both those questions.

Second speaker was Mr. Jack (John) Loynd

Speaker stated that he is attending with Mr. Steve Ukman, (today's first speaker) and is involved in the aforementioned transaction, the sale of Archway Cab Company. Now that the procedure/protocol has just been explained, he withdrew his intention to speak today, and will defer his remarks until the February meeting.