

Metropolitan Taxicab Commission  
November 17, 2021 @ 10:00 am  
**Commission Headquarters, 2628 Delmar, Via Zoom**

Members present: Chairman: McNutt, Commissioners Satz, Asfaw, Rudawsky and Vianello  
Absent Members: Commissioner Osho

Legal Department: Charles Billings

**AGENDA & MINUTES**

- The Meeting was called to order by Chairman McNutt at 10:07 AM and the roll was called by Director Ronald Klein: Commissioner Satz-present, Commissioner Asfaw-present, Commissioner Osho-absent, Commissioner Rudawsky-present, Commissioner Vianello-present and Chairman McNutt – present. A quorum being found the meeting began.
- Chairman McNutt called for a motion to approve the November 17, 2021, agenda. The motion was moved by Commissioner Vianello, and second by Commissioner Satz, roll was taken, and the agenda approved; Commissioner Satz- yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes.
- Following the approval of the agenda, Chairmen McNutt called for a motion to adopt the September 29, 2021, meeting minutes. Commissioner Rudawsky made a motion to have the minutes adopted it was second by Commissioner Satz the previous roll was used, and the minutes was adopted.
- The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday December 15, 2021, at 10 AM via Zoom

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Director Klein told the commissioners that Nancy Cross said that the commission was going to get some help from the city however she will not say when. Director Klein sent her an email and she did not respond. Director Klein said the Commission has approximately \$40,000.00 in operating funds there are about \$30,000.00 insurance bills due for workman's comp, error emissions, and general liability these bills are due in December and January. The airport fees are improving but not at pre pandemic they are at about 40%. Director Klein said the commission is almost to the point to close the door. Chairman McNutt said he does not think closing the door is an option. He said the commission is a fee-based organization and the Commission lowered the fees for the companies however they still are not flush. Chairman McNutt said he thinks raising the airport fees was the only option, he asked the Commissioners if they had anything to contribute? Commissioner Rudawsky asked about reserve funds. Director Klein said he was going to have to borrow the money from the legal fund to keep going. Commissioner Rudawsky said if our operating account is zero then we will have to get the money from somewhere. Commissioner Satz asked if we qualify for any PPE money? Director Klein said no because we must go through the city and county. Legal said the commission mandates come from the city and the county. Chairman McNutt said if there is a problem it needs to be fixed and asked Commissioner Vianello for input? Commissioner Vianello said sooner than later because it will take a while to get the money coming in. Commissioner Rudawsky said we must give the cab companies time to change their signage. Chairman McNutt said that the Airport raised their fees, but the commission did not get any of that money. Commissioner Rudawsky said that he is not in

favor of raising the fees however he was going to vote for it out of the need of necessity, he also added that if there is negative feedback, we need to be prepared to let the public know that we had no other choice. Chairman McNutt said to vote on raising the airport fees by \$1.00 and to let the Director work out the logistics. Legal said the vote would have to be on a specific date to start. Legal recommended to go into effect December 1, 2021, and to let staff implement it. Commissioner Asfaw asked if we could make it temporary or put a time limit on it? Chairman McNutt said no. Director Klein said we have not had an increase in thirteen years. Chairman McNutt said it was time. Commissioner Satz said he did not think the public would mind if the trip was \$1.00 more. Chairman McNutt made the motion to increase the airport fees starting December 1, 2021, and let staff work out the logistics, the motion was second by Commissioner Asfaw and vote was taken, Commissioner Satz- yes, Commissioner Asfaw-yes, Commissioner Rudawsky-yes, Commissioner Vianello-yes, and Chairman McNutt-yes and the increase was approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- With no need for an Executive session and no more on the agenda, Chairman McNutt moved to adjourn the meeting and it was second by Commissioner Vianello without any objection the meeting ended at 10:30 AM.

*Minutes were interpreted from an audio recording of the meeting by Sandy Page*

