

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
County of Hawaii
June 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: James Lee, Benjamin Agdeppa, Michael O'Loughlin,
James Weatherford, John Walker
Sinclair Salas-Ferguson, Corporation Counsel
Trixy Groaning, Acting Mass Transit Administrator
Sari Kogasaka Cantor, Temporary Commission Secretary

Absent: Scott Ancheta

A quorum was declared present.

Request for item VII be taken out of order due to conflict of prior meeting scheduled. Moved and approved.

VIII. Transit Administrator's Report

Trixy Groaning, Acting Transit Administrator present to give report:

- Currently working on the department's budget, and requested from the County Council to approve additional positions. Due to budgetary cuts, these staff positions were denied. Department is doing their best to provide the necessary service.
- New budget also included additional DOT and GET funds to secure and add new buses to the Transit program, including 10 buses from Oahu Transit.
- Department is also awaiting for IFB approval to add to the fleet two (4) 40', two (2) 35', and two (2) 30' buses. Once approved, delivery of buses will be approximately 1 year to arrive and place in service.
- Department is also currently working on additional grants to secure an estimated 14 new buses.
- Currently Roberts Hawaii has been providing the necessary service to ensure all routes are covered.

III. Election of Chairperson. Floor opened up for nomination. Commissioner Michael O'Loughlin nominated himself, seconded by Commissioner Walker. Comm. O'Loughlin accepted nomination. No further discussion, moved to approve. 5 Ayes.

IV. Election of Co-Chairperson. Floor opened up for nomination. Comm. O'Loughlin nominated Comm. Walker, seconded by Comm. Weatherford. Comm. Walker accepted nomination. No further discussion, moved to approve. 5 Ayes.

V. Approval of Agenda

Comm. Walker moved that agenda be approved, seconded the motion by Comm. Agdeppa. No further discussion, moved to approve, it carried unanimously, 5 Ayes. Agenda approved.

VI. PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairman O'Loughlin made a motion to open Public Statement. Seeing no individuals present who wished to speak, Chairman O'Loughlin closed the Public statement section. Comm. Agdeppa second motion. 5 ayes. Closed.

VII. New Business

A. Review taxicab application for NEW Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity to operate in the County of Hawaii.

1. Jonathan Rafol dba EJ Taxi, 79-7199 Mamalahoa, Unit D-130 Haloaloe, HI 96725 (1)
Comm. Walker moved to approve new application, seconded by Comm. Agdeppa
Application approved. 5 ayes. CH615
2. Rey Cabaccang, dba R & M Taxi, PO Box 957 Keaau HI 96749 (1)
Not present.
Comm. Weatherford moved to place item on the next commission meeting agenda,
Seconded by Comm. Lee.
Discussion. Application will be moved to next meeting. 5 ayes.
3. Stanley Shigeishi dba Stan's Taxi, 133 Laukona Street Hilo HI 96720 (1)
Not present.
Comm. Weatherford moved to place item on the next commission meeting agenda,
Seconded by Comm. Lee.
Discussion. Application will be moved to next meeting. 5 ayes.
4. Randy Lucero dba R & L Taxi PO Box 44310 Kamuela HI 96743 (6)
Comm. Weatherford moved to approve 6 new applications, seconded by Comm Agdeppa.
Discussion. Applications approved. 5 ayes. CH 616, 617, 618,619,620,621.
5. Branden Henson dba BH Taxi, 1408 A Komohana St Hilo HI 96720. (1)
Comm. Agdeppa moved to approve application, seconded by Comm. Weatherford.
Discussion. Application approved. 5 ayes. CH622
6. Winston Labiano, dba J & W Taxi PO Box 61 Keaau, HI 96749 (1)
Not present. Comm. Weatherford moved to place item on the next commission meeting
agenda, seconded by Comm. Lee.
Discussion, Application will be moved to next meeting. 5 ayes.
7. Rhoniel Arenas dba Kayden Taxi PO Box 123 Kailua Kona HI 96745 (1)
Not Present. Comm. Weatherford moved to place item on the next commission meeting
agenda, seconded by Comm. Lee.
Discussion. Application will be moved to next meeting. 5 ayes.

B. Hearing on revocation of the following Certificate of Public Conveniences due to the discontinuance by the carrier of the business of transporting passengers as a common carrier of passengers operating upon and using the public highways for a period of thirty consecutive days or more or failure to renew his/her taxicab license for the year.

1. CH 020 Bradley Hollister dba Paradise Taxi
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file
License revoked.
2. CH039,040,042,056,063,106,108,112,113,124,125,133,138,139,140,167
Luana Limosine dba Laura's Taxi. License not renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
3. CH090 Conrado Ombao dba Jeco Taxi
Not present. License revoked.
4. CH093,129,262,265 Melmar Carlos dba Mel's Taxi
Not present. License revoked.
5. CH100 Hiroshi Omori dba Nippon Taxi
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file
License revoked.
6. CH143 Joe Naidu dba Fiji Taxi
Not present. License revoked.
7. CH155 Leny Tica dba J & L Taxi. Present Faye Encencio,
Letter presented to represent Leny.
Per applicant, her intention is to continue operating. Operations to be conducted by
mother Ms. Encencio. During 2020 renewal she submitted documents along with funds for
the renewal. All items were returned with no explanation. Leny has since moved to Canada
but still maintains insurance coverage and vehicle for Ms. Encencio to operate.
Comm Walker moved that we provide a 30 day extension for Ms. Encencio to provide
renewal forms to continue operation of CH155, seconded by Comm Weatherford.
Discussion, moved to approve. 5 ayes.
8. CH156 Cynthia Castillo dba D&E Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
9. CH164, 227, 360 Shaka Taxi, LLC dba Shaka Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
10. CH177 Linda Batalla dba Hamakua Taxi. Present.
Requested to reinstate license due to COVID.
Comm. Agdeppa moved to reinstate, seconded by Comm. Weatherford. Discussion.
Provided 30-day extension to do renewal. Moved to approve. 5 ayes.
11. CH221 Air Taxi & Tours LLC dba Air Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
12. CH236 Patricia Maffit dba Bay City Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
13. CH242 Jerlyn Arellano dba Jay Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.

14. CH246, 305, 375 Robert & Elsa Portus dba CruzN Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
15. CH247, 248 Wilson Saplan dba Saplan Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
16. CH285, 289, 290, 291 Anagor LLC dba AM PM Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
17. CH300, 520, 521, 522 Seantelle Wery and Harolene Mendosa dba Ace One Taxi.
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
18. CH355, 356 Roberto Gedaria dba King's Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
19. CH392, 476 Big Island Limousine dba Gio's Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
20. CH414, 487 Leo & Jule Sadoy dba Leo's Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
21. CH423 Florence Arellano dba Flo-Weng Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
22. CH438 Hironori Inoue dba Mauna Kea Taxi.
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
23. CH440 Ronald & Jewel Carvalho dba Ilima's Taxi.
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
24. CH465 Tom Boniface Diaz dba Sunrise Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
25. CH468, 516 John Breslin dba Kona Taxicab.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
26. CH498 Roy Pua-Kaipō dba Da Best Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
27. CH513 Phillip Portus dba Keauhou Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
28. CH514, 566 Rhoniel Arenas dba Kayden Taxi.
Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
29. CH517 Dante Taladen dba Captain Cook Taxi. Present.
Requested to reinstate license due to COVID.
Comm. Weatherford moved to reinstate, seconded by Comm. Walker. Discussion.
Provided 30-day extension to do renewal. Moved to approve. 5 ayes.

30. CH519 Liwang Martin dba R & B Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
31. CH528, 531, 532 Jelsa Isidro dba Hawaii Taxi.
Not present. Not present. Applicant request license not be renewed, letter on file.
Licenses revoked.
32. CH534 Amador Cabudol dba A's Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
33. CH416, 535 Weixia Ye-Yu dba WJJ Taxi & Tours.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
34. CH536 Reynaldo Batalla dba Fil-Am Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
35. CH363 Victor Quiros dba A1 Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
36. CH538, 569 Kelly Does Kona LLC dba World's coolest Cab.
Not present. License revoked.
37. CH542, 593 Emielyn Romolor dba Jedae Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
38. CH543 Larry Domingo dba Loren's Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
39. CH559, 597 Mary Jo Victorine & Roylin Kunishige, Jr. dba Kwiki Taxi.
Not present. Licenses revoked.
40. CH561 Jesus Martin dba JohnJess Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
41. CH568 Helen Lopez dba Makoa Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
42. CH587 Renante Gedaria dba Green Mango Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
43. CH598 Cristian Soriano dba Dale's Taxi. Present.
Requested to reinstate license due to COVID.
Comm. Weatherford moved to reinstate, seconded by Comm. Agdeppa. Discussion.
Provided 30-day extension to do renewal. Moved to approve. 5 ayes.
44. CH599 Branden Henson dba BH Taxi.
Due to prior approval for new CH, Commission moved to revoke CH599. 5 ayes.
45. CH600,601 Christopher Artley dba Mahalo Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
46. CH606 Weixia Ye Yu dba Sunny Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.

47. CH608 MD Asaduzzman dba A-P Taxi.
Not present. License revoked.
48. CH609 Villafor Dacayanan dba Westside Taxi. Present.
Requested to reinstate license due to Covid.
Comm. Weatherford moved to reinstate, seconded by Comm. Walker. Discussion.
Provided 30-day extension to do renewal. Moved to approve. 5 ayes.
49. CH612 Edward Dacayanan dba Ariyanna's Taxi. Present.
Requested to reinstate license due to COVID.
Comm. Weatherford moved to reinstate, seconded by Comm. Lee. Discussion.
Provided 30-day extension to do renewal. Moved to approve. 5 ayes.
50. CH614 Orlino Valente dba Waikoloa Cab.
Not present. License revoked.

IX. Next Meeting.

- Members discussed the need to be further involved with departments Transportation concerns.
- Per Corp Counsel, Comm. O'Loughlin needs to discuss with Transit Administrator and Mayor on topics to be added to agenda.

Next meeting scheduled for **September 2, 2021 10:00 am.**

X. Adjournment.

Comm. Weatherford moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Comm. Lee.
Approved. 5 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.