

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

As Chairman Amos Meyers was not present at the meeting, Commissioner Duane Hosaka, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Duane Hosaka, Doug Espejo, Billie Keawekane-Beere, Jon Olson, and Neal Herbert. Commissioner Carl Bryan Caldwell present at 10:04 a.m.

William Brilhante and Betty Alcover

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MINUTES

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Applications for New Certificates of Public Convenience

1. Rachel Albez applied to take over Percy's VII from Kevin Fall. Mr. Fall was present and stated he doesn't want his name on the business and would like Ms. Albez to have it.

Commissioner Espejo moved to approve the transfer of business to Ms. Albez and Commissioner Olson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

2. Venice M. Martinez, dba Venice Taxi applied for one certificate. Ms. Martinez was not present at the meeting, however, she did provide a letter giving her husband authority to speak on her behalf. Commissioner Olson asked about the area where the taxi will provide service. Mr. Martinez replied Hilo and about 40 miles outside of Hilo in both directions.

Commissioner Espejo moved to approve the application, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

3. Joseph Carrozza, dba Anytime Taxi applied for one certificate. Mr. Carrozza was asked about his speeding incidents on his traffic abstract in which Mr. Carrozza replied he learned his lesson and haven't speeded since. He also has several drivers that will drive the taxi.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approve the application, Commissioner Olson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

4. George Tadeo applied for two certificates. Mr. Tadeo was not present. Ms. Alcover he emailed her on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, stating he no longer wants to apply for the two certificates. Ms. Alcover submitted the email to Mr. Brillhante.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere move to reject the two certificates. Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

5. Rosario Justo, dba Golden Taxi applied for one certificate. Mr. Justo stated he wishes to change his taxi name from Golden Taxi to Queen's Taxi.

Commissioner Espejo moved to reject the certificate, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

6. Leo Sadoy, dba Leo's Taxi has applied for one certificate. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approve the certificate, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

7. Maria Elsa Ancheta, dba Mea's Taxi applied for one certificate. Commissioner Olson stated she had no prior experience in the taxi business. Commissioner Olson asked Ms. Ancheta if she was confident she could run a taxi business. Ms. Ancheta replied yes.

Commissioner Espejo moved to approve the certificate, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

8. Johnny Yu, dba WJJ Taxi applied for one certificate. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Caldwell moved to approve the application, Commissioner Herbert seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

9. Ian Desborough, dba London Cab Co. applied for one certificate. His speeding was a concern with the Commissioners. Mr. Desborough stated he has learned his lesson and haven't had a speeding ticket since 2009.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approved the application, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

10. David Sherwood, dba Char's Taxi & Shuttle applied for one certificate. Commissioner Herbert asked if Mr. Sherwood had a vehicle for his taxi business. Mr. Sherwood replied he had a 2012 Kia.

Commissioner Espejo moved to approve the application. Commissioner Herbert seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

11. Rodrigo Namnama, dba Namnama Taxi applied for one certificate. Commissioner Caldwell asked Mr. Namnama where he plan to operate his taxi service. Mr. Namnama replied that he lives in Hilo but plans to operate in Kona.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approved the application, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

12. John Breslin, dba Kona Taxicab, LLC applied for three certificates. Commissioner asked if Mr. Breslin thought Kona can support his three taxicabs. Mr. Breslin replied yes.

Commissioner Caldwell moved to approved the three applications, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

B. Hearing on Revocation of the following Certificate of Public Convenience:

1. CH126 – Ilima's Taxi. No representative was present at the meeting. Jewel Carvalho, owner was notified of the meeting on August 13, 2012. A signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Espejo moved to revoke the certificate, Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

2. CH149, CH233, CH376 – Classy/Aloha Taxi. No representative was present at the meeting. Mr. Bergfalk, owner, was notified of the meeting. A signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Espejo moved to revoke the three certificates, Commissioner Olson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

3. CH229 – J & A Taxi. No representative was present at the meeting. Ms. Alcover stated that due to health reasons Mr. Ascino wishes to revoke CH229 and that he is unable to come to the meeting.

Commissioner Olson moved to revoke the certificate, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

4. CH310 – Kool Feva. No one was present at the meeting. Ms. Alcover stated she received a letter from Mr. Michael Kapeliela stating due to the economy, he wants to place his certificate up for revocation. Mr. Kapeliela was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Caldwell moved to revoke the certificate, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

5. CH328 – Bobby's Taxi. No one was present to represent Bobby's Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated Mr. Brigoli came into her office stating he wanted to give up his taxi. Ms. Alcover stated Mr. Brigoli was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Caldwell moved to revoke the certificate, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

6. CH369 – 39 Taxi. No one was present to represent 39 Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated Mr. Seichi Timothy Tazono came into her office and stated he was moving to Oahu and do not want his taxi business. Mr. Tazono was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to revoke the two applications, Commissioner Olson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

7. CH391, CH393 – Gio's Taxi. No one was present to Gio's Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that Gio's taxi had three certificates but only renew one. Therefore, CH 391 and CH 393 was placed for revocation. Mr. Giovanni Mantelli was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to revoke the certificate,s Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

8. CH399 – Mr. K's Taxi. No one was present to represent Mr. K's Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that the owner, Gayne Kobayshi, could not find any drivers in Kona therefore he didn't need the taxi. Mr. Kobayshi was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Espejo moved to revoke the two certificates, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

As the administrator was not present, no report was given.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date – November 14, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Hosaka at 11:30 a.m.