

Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Amos Meyers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Amos Meyers, Doug Espejo, Billie Keawekane-Beere
John Fernandez, and Duane Hosaka

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fernandez 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. Joseph Carrozza dba Anytime Taxi applied for two certificates. Mr. Carrozza would like to withdraw second application.

Commissioner Keawekane-Beere moved to withdraw first application, Commissioner Hosaka seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

2. Branden Henson applied for one certificate. Mr. Henson was not present at the meeting. Notification was sent to him regarding meeting and a signed returned receipt was returned with his signature; therefore motion to reject application was carried by Commissioner Meyers.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to reject the application, Commissioner Doug Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

3. Claire Schreiber applied for one certificate. Ms. Schreiber was not at the meeting. Ms. Alcover stated that notification about the meeting was sent to Ms. Schreiber and a signed returned receipt was returned to Mass Transit. Commissioner Meyers moved to reject application.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to reject the application, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

4. Antonia Imada dba Donna's Taxi applied for one certificate. No questions were asked.

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

5. Koichiro Nawata applied for one certificate. Mr. Nawata was not present at the meeting. Ms. Alcover stated that Mr. Nawata was notified of today's meeting and a signed return receipt was returned to Mass Transit.

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

6. Ronaldo Madriaga-Bocalbos dba RJAY Taxi has applied for one certificate. Commissioner Meyers expressed concerns that Mr. Bocalbos received a speeding ticket just before applying for a certificate. Mr. Bocalbos stated he will be more careful.

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

7. Big Island Limousine applied for three certificates. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to approve the three certificates, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

8. Sergey Selezener dba Taxicab Driver applied for one certificate. Mr. Selezener was not present at the meeting. Ms. Alcover stated that Mr. Selezener was notified about the meeting and a signed return receipt was returned to Mass Transit.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to reject the application, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

9. Jhovy Razo dba Ohana Taxi applied for one certificate. Ms. Razo currently has two taxi certificates and applying for one more. No questions were asked.

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

10. Leny Tica dba J&L Taxi & Tours applied for one certificate. Ms. Tica was not present. Ms. Alcover stated she was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Espejo moved to reject application. Commissioner Hosaka seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

11. Orlino Ulibas dba Lino's Taxi, applied for one certificate. Commissioner Keawekane-Beere asked about his hours of operations as it was stated on his application as 5:00 am to 12:00 am. Commissioner Meyers asked if he meant 5:00 in the morning to 12:00 midnight. Mr. Ulibas stated that is what he meant.

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

12. Gayne Kobayashi dba Mr. K's Taxi applied for four certificates. Ms. Alcover stated that Mr. Kobayashi was given two temporary licenses and those CH numbers will be revoked and replaced with new CH numbers. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to approved the four applications, Commissioner Hosaka seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

13. John Chalabi & Audrey Whitehurst dba City Cab applied for one certificate. Ms. Alcover stated that City Cab has a temporary license and that CH number will be revoked and replaced with a new CH number. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Espejo moved to approved the application, Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

14. Herminigildo & Estrella Rafol dba Estee Taxi applied for two certificates. Ms. Alcover stated that they currently have one temporary license under both their names and Mr. Rafol applied for his own license. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Hosaka moved to approved the first application, Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Commissioner Fernandez moved to approved the second application, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

15. Orlando Palafox dba O&M Taxi applied for one certificate. Ms. Alcover stated Mr. Palafox received a temporary license. Mr. Palafox was not present, however, he did authorized someone to represent him. No questions were asked.

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

16. Owen Liebreich dba Owens Taxi & Tours. Ms. Alcover stated Mr. Liebreich received a temporary license. No questions were asked.

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

17. Amador Cabudol dba A's Taxi applied for two certificates. No questions were asked.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to approved the two applications, Commissioner Hosaka seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

18. John and Rose Bellaver dba Ace One Taxi applied for five certificates. Ms. Alcover explained to the commissioners that it was not five new certificates; Mr. Bellaver would like to add Mrs. Bellaver onto the five certificates he currently has.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to approved adding Mrs. Bellaver's name onto the five certificates, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

19. Edison Fronda applied for one certificate. Mr. Fronda stated he had a license but was not ready to operate taxi but he is ready now.

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

20. Leo Sadoy dba Leo's Taxi applied for one certificate. No questions were asked.

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

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

1. CH029, CH141, CH190, CH194 – Al's Taxi. No representative was present at the meeting. Alvin Apostadiro, owner was notified of the meeting. A signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to revoke all four certificates, Commissioner Keawekane-Beere seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

2. CH083 – Island Taxi. No representative was present at the meeting. Elmer Varron, owner, was notified of the meeting. A signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

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

3. CH107 – Percy's Taxi. Mr. Kevin Fall wrote a letter to the commission that he is placing CH107 up for revocation. Mr. Fall was not present but he was notified of the meeting. A returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

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

4. CH110 – Air Taxi & Tours. No one was present to represent Air Taxi & Tours. Ms. Alcover stated they were notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit. Ms. Alcover also spoke with Bea of Air Taxi & Tours.

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

5. CH154 – BK Taxi. No one was present to represent BK Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that Bharatkuman Patel was notified of the meeting and a signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

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

6. CH224, CH225 – Mahalo Taxi. No one was present to represent Mahalo Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that Mr. Oscar Tuano, owner, was notified of the meeting and a signed return receipt was received by Mass Transit.

Commissioner Fernandez moved to revoke the two applications, Commissioner Espejo seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

7. CH235 – Big Island Taxi & Tours. No one was present to represent Big Island Taxi & Tours; however, a letter written by the owner, Wally Takamoto, that he is placing CH235 for revocation due to health reasons.

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

8. CH304, CH362 – Orchid Isle Cab. No one was present to represent Orchid Isle Cab. Ms. Alcover mentioned to the commission that CH251 was skipped over. Mr. Brillhante stated that the commissioners would continued with CH304 and CH362 and then go back to CH251. Ms. Alcover stated that Antone Silva, owner, was notified of the meeting and a signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

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

9. CH251 – Hawaii Kanko. No one was present to represent Hawaii Kanko; however, Hironori Inoue, owner, wrote that he is placing CH251 for revocation. Ms. Alcover stated that Mr. Inoue was notified of today's meeting and received a signed return receipt.

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

10. CH320 – R&M Taxi. No one was present to represent R&M Taxi; Ms. Alcover stated Rey Cabaccang, owner, was notified and a signed returned receipt was received by Mass Transit.

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

11. CH370 – T&T Taxi. No one was present to represent T&T Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that Thomas and Teonila Parel were notified of the meeting and Mass Transit did received a signed returned receipt.

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

12. CH380 – Bobby’s Taxi. No one was present to represent Bobby’s Taxi. Ms. Alcover stated that Robert Brigoli, owner, did write a response on top of the letter that Mass Transit sent out on July 18, 2011, stating he would not be able to attend the meeting and he is placing CH380 for revocation. Ms. Alcover also stated that Mass Transit received a signed return receipt.

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

TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

On July 1, 2011, bus fare of \$1.00 was implemented on Hele-on bus routes. Riders are able to purchase discounted bus tickets for \$7.50 for a script of ten tickets or a monthly bus pass for \$30.00 which is good from the beginning of the month to end of the month. Seniors 55 and order and students with proper I.D. can ride free. People with Disability can also ride free after submitting a form to Mass Transit and after verification, they will get a disabled bus pass. Bus ridership was down in 8% in July; however, for September, we are expecting 90,000 riders since school will be back in session and workers at the Waikoloa Resorts will be back to work.

We will be going out to bid for two more motorcoach buses and we opened bid two weeks ago for 29 bus shelters that will be put up islandwide. We currently have eight bus shelters in place. One on Aupuni Street, Hilo Bayfront, Hilo Hospital, Ohu Ohu Street (Prince Kuhio Plaza), Pahala, Kona Hongwanji, Kamagaki Market, and Paho.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date will be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meyers at 11:45 p.m.