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## Taxi Licensing Board

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Taxi Licensing Board Agenda  
Conference Room 12, City Hall  
Tuesday, June 14, 2016  
8:30 AM

Present: Jeff Munger (Chair), JM  
Bill Keogh (Vice Chair), BK  
Adam Roof (City Council), AR  
Officer Brad Trombley, BPD, BT  
Gregg Meyer (Assistant City Attorney), GM  
Isaac Trombley (Airport Representative), IT

1. AGENDA

Commissioner Keogh requested to amend agenda adding 3.02 Vehicles for Hire Ordinance pending City Council.

On motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof the agenda was adopted with amendment.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present

3. DISCUSSION:

3.01. Current Driver's under 21 Years of Age  
IT stated that there are handful of drivers under 21, what action will be necessary with new ordinance requiring 21.

GM stated in past the drivers could go in front of the board if qualifications in the new ordinance is not met. Then the board can decide if they are qualified to drive taxi.

3.02. Vehicles for Hire Ordinance pending City Council

BK explained the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance will be postponed until August 9, 2016 meeting. As of right now taxi drivers are being ripped off by irresponsible taxi drivers.

They over charge or soliciting tips. Board has no authority over these issues. The Board cannot justify this, the problem is this is being delayed with City Hall with the new ordinance. The Airport workers are not being supported, the board is trying to support them but doesn't get any support from City Hall.

AR will support what BK said and is working on trying to extend the existing fee schedule as is until the City Council approved the new fee schedule.

GM will be working with City Attorney to draft resolution to extend current ordinance and renewal fees until new fee schedule is approved upon at the end of the summer.

GM as far as airport issues, they are still governed by this board. Hope and expectation when new ordinance is placed that the issues will not be in front of this board.

GM stated the ordinance in place is the current ordinance the new one cannot be in place until the fee schedule is effective.

4. MINUTES:

4.01. Taxi Licensing Board 5/12/16

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the minutes were adopted as is.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.



## Taxi Licensing Appeals Panel

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Douglas Kirk, DK  
Jason West, JW  
Orhan Kekic, OK  
Sheila Edwards, SE  
Youness Jamil, YJ  
Tsering Yeshe, TY

1. AGENDA

On motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof the agenda was adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 2.01. Arif Arif; Route 2 Cab         | Notice of Complaint<br>& Warning Letter       |
| 2.03. Jassim Jassim; Champlain Taxi  | Notice of Complaint<br>& Letter of Resolution |
| 2.04. Ather Jassim; No Longer Driver | Notice of Complaint<br>& Letter of Resolution |

\*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

On Motion by Commissioners Keogh and Roof to waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

3. TAXI DRIVER APPEAL HEARINGS:

3.01. Kirk Douglas; Blazer Transportation

GM explained the procedure to be followed and introduced the Taxi Appeal Panel and swore Kirk Douglas in for testimony.

KD stated he had driven tractor trailer for years, worked in the past for Blazer Transportation with their Stowe office. Worked previously for Lamoille County Mental Health driving van and Lamoille South Supervisory Union transporting students. Traveled to Texas to drive tanker and in Florida. Came back to Vermont when mom passed, went into deep depression and now back on his feet.

BK asked how the board will know he will get back on his feet. What is making him get back on his feet?

KD that was in the past, hasn't had record since 2007.

BK any warnings?

KD no.

BK any accidents with CDL.

KD no.

BK what year was DUI

KD was 17 years old, now just turned 50.

JM are you currently working?

KD no was out with deep depression when mother passed and good friend passed.

JM still maintain CDL?

KD yes.

JM was wondering why not driving tractor trailer.

KD it was too much to be on the road constantly like that. On the truck more than being home. Wants to be able to be home every day.

JM married and children?

KD divorced, four children and 4 grandchildren with one on the way. Had rough growing up but he is not the same person he was in his twenties.

Entered and exited executive session.

4. REPORT

4.01. Jason West; Dunwright Taxi

GM stated this is an unusual circumstance, as JW self-reported that license was suspended that he wasn't aware of it. That he wanted to make sure the taxi board was notified. The board usual is for denied applicants or issues with complaints.

GM swore Jason West in.

GM clarified that JW notified taxi license that his license was suspended.

JW found out Memorial Day weekend that his license was suspended. He notified taxi administration, went to DMV to get his license back. As soon as he found out his license was suspended he stopped driving taxi for 5 days until he went to DMV to get his license reinstated. The license was suspended for a fine that wasn't paid.

BK stated there was no decision to be made and JW could have nice day.

5. TAXI VIOLATORS HEARINGS:

- 5.01. Orhan Kekic; Silver Taxi  
Youness Jamil; Star Cab  
Sheila Edwards; Airport Ambassador Foreman

GM explained the procedure to be followed and introduced the Taxi Appeal Panel and swore Orhan Kekic and Youness Jamil in for testimony.

OK began by explaining May 9<sup>th</sup>, around 2:30 incident at Airport at Park & Shuttle. Happened at Park & Shuttle not the Airport. Sheila called Four Cab, Four Cab moved. He was sitting with another driver's car, Arther. YJ came and OK didn't move his car right away. YJ came and parked behind Adria, last car in line. YJ called Sheila, Sheila told OK to go home. He left. He said he did say \*\*\*\* (obscene language) but did not mention anything of YJ's family or spit in YJ's face. If YJ had problems with OK talking to Arther, YJ cannot tell him who he can or cannot talk to. He is to call cops if he has a problem. YJ needs to stay away from OK.

SE stated she had received a phone call from YJ, so she went to the Park and Shuttle where a lot of yelling was happening. She went to the other taxis for witnesses. OK was in a personal car. Heard this from four drivers. Talked to OK and YJ. Words going back and forth with some language. OK began to get mouthy, she told him to leave because of his mouth. He did apologize few days later.

GM was another incident on May 11. Follow up incident between YJ and OK.

OK said officer came to him at Airport, asked if he had seen YJ. He responded no, then received a ticket for spitting at YJ's face and talking about his family. OK will be appealing ticket in court.

YJ testified everything they said was right.

YJ arrived at Park and Shuttle 2:30 on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Have to discipline and behave just like the first queue. 2<sup>nd</sup> car was Arthur Jassim who does not have license who came to tease others. Three were chatting in Arther's personal car. Sheila called for Four Taxis and OK

had not moved. YJ moved in front as OK was in Arther's car and did not move his vehicle. YJ called Sheila because OK started swearing at him and about his family. Sheila came and OK had few words for Sheila.

No further testimony.

5.02. Tsering Yeshi; Potala Taxi  
Youness Jamil; Star Cab  
Kevin Sicard; Airport Ambassador Lead

YJ stated Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:50 PM called Mike the Ambassador to tell him Potala's back break light was not working. Mike came, talked to Potala and Mike said he needed to leave as his break was not working. He got out of the car started yelling at the ambassador and started swearing at YJ. Mike saw the interaction and called police. Officer Fabiani was contacted and both parties were told to leave. Next day YJ came to work he went into the bathroom he saw Kevin the ambassador and explained what had happened. Kevin went to Potala asked him to show him his lights. He had a customer in his car and started swearing and threatening YJ. YJ said TY began to say \*\*\*\* (obscene language). Kevin and Adria heard all threats. Kevin kicked Potala Taxi out and referred to the Taxi Board.

GM explained the procedure to be followed and introduced the Taxi Appeal Panel and swore Tsering Yeshi in for testimony.

TY began by apologizing for bringing up these issues. Break light wasn't first point, TY was in second pit he came in at 10 am. He was coming back from Dorset Street and he was in front of YJ. He got called over to first pit and he honked twice for two cars. He had no knowledge that the airport had changed the honking rule. About 5-10 minutes later Ambassador Mike came and asked about honking. He stated he was unaware of the change in the rule.

TY and YJ do not talk anymore.

The second point is he moved up toward first in line and YJ again complained about his break light. He was upset about YJ not minding his own business. He asked Mike who told him, only answer was who was behind him. YJ is always creating the problems and putting his nose in other people's business. He told YJ it was his own business no one else's. They began to argue in front of the Ambassador. Which Mike kicked both drivers out. The cops came and confirmed the Ambassador's decision.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, YJ went to the Ambassador Kevin to tell him that TY back break light was out. He explained the Officer gave him 10 days to get fixed.

BK exclaimed all drivers need to respect each other and the staff. Everyone should be treated with respect. Doesn't want to hear he said she said.

AR this board has been very patient listening and helping, board has been lenient. Eventually licenses and privileges at the Airport will be taken away if these matters keep occurring.

7. MINUTES:

7.01. Taxi Licensing Appeals Panel 5/12/2016

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley the minutes were adopted as is.

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley to begin executive session at 9:38 am.

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley to exit executive session at 9:55 am.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioners Roof and Sargent Trombley was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.