

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
VEHICLE FOR HIRE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

January 30th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

4252 Groves Rd
Columbus, OH 43232

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cathy Collins at 9:36 A.M.

The roll call of Board Members showed eleven (11) members present, three (3) members absent, and one (1) currently vacant. A quorum was met.

New members Jessica Sullivan with Experience Columbus & Christine Boucher with The Chamber of Commerce were welcomed to the board.

Jennifer Atkinson motioned to dispense reading of the minutes from 10/24/24. Vicki Miller second the motion. Glenn Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes from 10/24/24. Joseph Kapferer second the motion. The motions passed.

APPLICATION FOR NEW PEDICAB/QUADRICYCLE OWNER LICENSES

None

APPLICATION FOR NEW TAXICAB OWNER LICENSES

None

APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE TRANSFER OF TAXICAB OWNER LICENSES

Six (6) vehicle licenses transferred

APPLICATION FOR OWNER TRANSFER OF TAXICAB OWNER LICENSES

One (1) owner license transferred

APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE TRANSFER OF LIVERY OWNER LICENSES

None

APPLICATION FOR NEW LIVERY OWNER LICENSES

Three (3) owner licenses issued

OLD BUSINESS

- An update was given by Chairperson Cathy Collins on legislation that passed relative to the 2/9-mile fare rate change from \$0.45 to \$0.50, which changes the max from \$27 to \$30. (Becomes effective 4/1/25).
- A vote was held to pass the Vehicle for Hire Rules and Regulations (Chapters 585-593). A motion was made to pass the Rules & Regulations by Niyah Walters. Jennifer Atkinson second the motion. The vote passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- License Officer Scott Allen gave highlights from the license sections meeting with the Ohio State Highway Patrol on salvage/rebuilt title inspections
- City Sealer Nick Greiner gave an update on change of meter and inspection due to change of fare. Vicki Miller gave an update on the .50 cent Airport pickup fee increase for Uber, Lyft & Taxi's.
- Chairperson Cathy Collins presented the updated Vehicle for Hire Board Bylaws to the members for vote at the next meeting. Jessica Sullivan motioned to vote on the Bylaws on April's VFH Board meeting. Niyah Walters second the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Tafare Tayachew wanted to know for vehicle transfers, why can't an owner go from an existing vehicle to a vehicle with an older year, but within the 12-year vehicle age group. (For example, a 2020 vehicle to a 2015 vehicle). Chairperson Cathy Collins stated that she would send that question up to the BZS Director
- Tafare Taychew also brought up the issue of "excessive" parking tickets to Amanda Ford's representative, Mark Springer. Mark said he would exchange info with Tafere and speak to Amanda about the concern.
- Chairperson Cathy Collins announced that she was retiring on 2/14/25 and this would be her last board meeting. The Board agreed she will be greatly missed.

Adjournment

Jason Biundo motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joseph Kapferer second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 A.M.