



Taxicab Services Commission

Tuesday April 25, 2023

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Commission members present:

Elizabeth “Buffy” Ellis, Charles Kauffman, David Mohebbi, Afework Kidane, Nelson Biana, Becaye Traore, Joyce Plaxen

Commission members absent:

None

MCDOT Staff: Sam Oji, Denise James, Ulysses Delaney and Walton Harris

Ex-Officio members Present:

Evan Glass – Montgomery County Council President and Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee

Ex-Officio members Absent:

Chris Conklin – Director – Montgomery County Department of Transportation

Guests:

None

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Action Item:

- Commission member Kauffman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023, Taxicab Service Commission meetings. The motion was seconded by Commission member Mohebbi. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Introduction:

Recently elected Council President Evan Glass addressed the Commission. Mr. Glass serves as the Chair of the Montgomery County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee and was recently appointed as the new Ex-Officio member, replacing former Councilmember Tom Hucker.

Discussion Items:**Update Driving record requirement – Chapter 53 Section 53-308**

- MCDOT staff indicated that changes to the Chapter 53 Section 53-308 were drafted and, along with other changes to the Chapter 53 were being drafted and would be shared at an upcoming Taxicab Services Commission meeting.

Meeting with Melanie Wenger – Transportation Network Companies Surcharge

- Chair Ellis discussed her meeting with Melanie Wenger, Director, with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to discuss potential legislation at the state to increase the surcharge assessed to Transportation Network Companies. Ms. Wenger suggested that the Commission draft correspondence to Director Conklin urging that the County Executive work with Montgomery County's Delegation on this issue in the upcoming General Assembly Session.

Potential change to the Transportation Services Improvement Fund milage reimbursement

- MCDOT staff presented a proposal to limit the number of miles eligible for reimbursement from the Transportation Services Improvement Fund. The proposal would have provided reimbursement for up to 75-miles one-way and 150 miles round trip to taxicab drivers.
- The Commission decided not to impose a limit on trip milage reimbursement.

Call-n-Ride Plus Program

- MCDOT staff noted that funding for the Call-n-Ride Plus Program was scheduled to be discussed during the fiscal year 2024 budget deliberations.

New business

- No new business

Meeting adjourned:

Commission member Kaufmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission member Mohebbi. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.