



City of Memphis

Transportation Board Minutes

April 11, 2013

Public Session Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Conference Room A 4th Floor, City Hall

125 North Main Street

Memphis, TN 38103

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- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Memphis Transportation Board was called to order by Sgt-At-Arms Officer Gerald Lake at 1:40 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Tawanda Knight, Scott Boucher, and Richard White, and Lisa Gleaves. Commissioners Vincent Higgins, Jeffery Harris, and Kevin Kane were absent.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. **Commissioner Gleaves moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner White second. The motion passed.**
- IV. **Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**
1. Aregahegn Negatu – 4024 Jackson – **“Orange Cab Company”**
Orange Cab was represented by the proposed owners, Zaidan Ahmed and Aregahegn S. Negatu and legal counsel who spoke for them, Mr. Jason Baslestini. Mr. Baslestini began his presentation by first distributing a survey purporting to prove that a new service was needed in the community. The commissioners raised a number of questions about the ability for the cab company to be successful given the current economic client; proof that the new company was needed other than the survey which was limited to one specific group of individuals, etc. The commission then received comments from the audience from both pro and con individuals. A concern raised by one of the companies speaking in opposition was the likeness of name and color scheme to an existing company and how such may result unfair advertising. Given the concerns raised, **Commissioner White moved to continue the application until the May 2, 2013 so that the applicant can present a cab painted orange with the insignia attached. Commissioner Boucher second. The motion passed.**
- ** William H. Smythe IV, Jay Kumar, Evan Nahmias, Robert Koenig, Lawrence Dowdy, Errol Johnson, and Cedric Garrett were present in opposition of the application***
- ***Yohannes Filate was present in support of application. ****
- V. **Approval of Updated Violations Charts** – Mr. Howard presented to the Commissioner the updated changes. **Commissioner White moved to approve the violation charts with the corrections discussed. Commissioner Gleaves second. The motion passed**
- VII. **Old Business** – None

VIII. New Business – None

IX. Adjournment – There being no further business to become before the commission, **Commissioner Gleaves moved for adjournment at approximately 3:06 p.m. Commissioner Boucher second. The motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Higgins, Chairman

Date

Aubrey J. Howard, Executive Secretary

Date