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## City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

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### Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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**Board Members Present:**

George Mery  
Nick Roberson  
George Garcia  
Eddie Rodrigues  
Robert Gonzales  
Javier Tristan  
David Strainge

**Board Members Absent:**

Joey Pawlik  
Daniela Serna  
Erica La Hood  
Ty Edwards

**Others Present**

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director  
Janette Torres-Santana, Administrative Services Officer  
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Services Manager SAPD  
James Kopp, Assistant City Attorney  
Joe Herrera, Ground Transportation Unit Supervisor SAPD

**Guests**

None

**Roll Call & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mery at 5:03 pm. A Roll Call followed, at least six (6) voting board members were present, and a quorum was established.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of Minutes for November 20, 2024 TAB meeting

N. Roberson moved for approval; D. Strainge seconded the motion.

**For:** All    **Against:** None    **Abstentions:** None    **Minutes Approved**

**2. Public Comments:**

Tommy Ghidapour

## **Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:**

### **3. Update on Chapter 33, Equine-Drawn Carriage**

- Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB on the City Council's decision on the elimination of the equine-drawn carriages voted on during the December 12, 2024, meeting.

### **4. Update and Discussion on the NCAA Final Four Vehicle-for-Hire Traffic Plan:**

- Mr. Mery discussed the NCAA Final Four Plan and that a new Capt. has been placed in charge of the traffic plan and what he is asking for from the city to provide service to the Vehicle-for-hire industry.

### **5. Electric Vehicle-for-Hire Permit Number Recommendation:**

- Mr. Gilbert informed the TAB that industry members have requested additional EVH permits.
- Discussion was held by the TAB on this matter.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to keep the number of EVH permits at the current amount, which is 15 permits; seconded by E. Rodrigues.

Mr. Mery made an amendment to the original motion to add the wording "The TAB Supports the original decision of the City Council"; seconded by N. Roberson.

**For:** Mery, Roberson **Against:** Garcia, Rodrigues, Gonzales, Tristan  
**Abstentions:** Strange **Motion Failed**

Vote on the Original motion by Mr. Garcia:

**For:** Garcia, Roberson, Rodrigues, Gonzales, Tristan, Strange **Against:** None  
**Abstentions:** Mary **Motion Recommended**

**6. Elimination of the Taxicab Fuel Surcharge and Increase to the Taxicab Per Mile Rate:**

- Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB on Chapter 33 requirements for fuel surcharge and taxicab per mile rate and provided historical data.
- Mr. Gonzales spoke the to request from the taxicab industry.

Mr. Roberson made a motion to eliminate the taxicab fuel surcharge and increase the taxicab per mile rate to \$3.00; R. Gonzales seconded the motion.

**For:** All      **Against:** None      **Abstentions:** None      **Motion Recommended**

**7. Items for the Next Agenda:**

- Update NCAA Final Four Vehicle-for-Hire Traffic Plan
- Update Electric Vehicles-for-Hire Number of Permits
- Update Taxicab Per Mile Rate
- Taxicab Identifications
- TAB Subcommittee

**8. Announcements:**

None

**9. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mr. Rodrigues and seconded by Mr. Gonzales

**For:** All      **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

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George Mery  
TAB Chairperson

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Gary J. Gilbert  
Administrative Services Manager  
Recorder/Transcriber of Minutes