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# City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

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## Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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### **Board Members Present:**

George Mery  
Joey Pawlik  
Robert Gonzales  
Eddie Rodriguez  
Erica LaHood  
Javier Tristan  
Nick Roberson  
George Garcia

### **Board Members Absent:**

David Strainge  
Daniela Serna  
Ty Edwards

### **Others Present**

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director  
Janette Torres-Gloria, Administrative Services Officer SAPD  
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Service 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 5:05 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 15, 2023, TAB meeting

R. Gonzales moved for approval; E. LaHood seconded the motion.

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

#### **2. Public Comments:**

Mitsuko Ramos – GRG-TX  
Joe A. Guerrero – Citizen  
Samuel Rodriguez – Crown Cab  
James Swartz – Sisters Grimm LLC

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

**3. Illegal Vehicles-for-Hire Operations in San Antonio:**

Mr. Gilbert stated that this item was requested by Mr. Mery to address Illegal Vehicle-for-Hire limousine companies in San Antonio.

The conversation was directed to what is considered a Courtesy Vehicle in Chapter 33 and what is considered compensation.

Discussion was held

**4. Scope of the Transportation Advisory Board:**

Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB on the current language in City Ordinance # 58134 from 1984.

The TAB agreed to create a sub-committee to meet and discuss the role of the TAB and recommend to the full TAB.

Ms. LaHood, Mr. Gonzales, and Mr. Tristan agreed to be on the sub-committee.

**5. Horse Carriage Rule #1004:**

Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB on the Request from the Horse Carriage industry to utilize a portion of Losoya to access the loading zone for additional carriage parking.

Mr. Mery was concerned about disruption to the hotel on Losoya and suggested that this amendment to the rule only be for six months and then be reevaluated.

Mr. Gonzales motioned to recommend that horse carriages may utilize Losoya (except between Crockett and Market); Second by Roberson.

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

**6. Chapter 33 – A.M. Best Insurance Rating Requirements:**

Mr. Gilbert briefed the TAB on the A.M. Best rating requirements in Chapter 33, he stated that San Antonio is the only City in Texas that requires this rating for vehicles-for-hire.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Gonzales motioned to remove the A.M. Best rating requirements in chapter 33 for vehicles-for-hire; Second by Roberson.

**For: All     Against: None     Abstentions: George Garcia     Motion recommended**

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

- Illegal vehicles-for-hire in San Antonio
- Sub-Committee Report

**8. Announcements:**

None

**9. Adjournment:**

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

**For:** All                    **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

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George Mery  
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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