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

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### Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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#### **Board Members Present:**

George Mery  
David Strainge  
Robert Gonzales  
Eddie Rodriguez  
Erica LaHood  
Javier Tristan  
George Garcia

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Joey Pawlik  
Daniela Serna  
Ty Edwards  
Nick Roberson

#### **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 5:02 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 January 24, 2024 TAB meeting

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

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

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

None

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

**3. TAB Sub-Committee report on the recommended amendment to the Ordinances that established the TAB and TAB Members**

**The TAB was briefed on recommended amendments to Ordinance 58134**

Section 2. The function of the Transportation Advisory Board shall be:

*To review staff recommendations and make recommendations to the City Council Chief of Police, and/or Aviation Director on Chapter 3, Chapter 33, Rules and Regulations, and internal operations/policies on the licensing and regulation of the ground transportation services licensed by the City. These services shall include ground transportation services outlined in Chapter 3 and/or Chapter 33.*

Mr. Gonzales motioned to recommend Section 2, Seconded by Mr. Strainge

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

Section 3. The Transportation Advisory Board shall address the following transportation Services

Amendment:

1. *The procedures and need for additional service or permits.*
2. *Service regulations – the quality and terms of the service to be provided.*
3. *Permit holder and driver regulations – the fiscal and public safety requirements.*
4. *Fares and permit/license fees – the level and basis thereof.*
5. *Such other matter as request by the City Council, Chief of Police, or Aviation Director*

Mr. Strainge motioned to recommend Section 3, Seconded by Mr. Garcia

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

**The TAB was briefed on recommended amendments to Ordinance 2009-05-21-0433**

- Section 3. The Voting Membership of the TAB Shall be composed of the following:

Amendment:

- *Five Consumers of the ground transportation industry.*
- *One owner, permitted driver, or employee of a taxicab company.*
- *One member of a taxicab cooperative or a permitted owner/operator of a taxicab.*
- *One owner, permitted driver, or employee of a horse carriage, Electric Vehicle-for-hire, Pedicab, group cycle, or motorbike sidecar company.*
- *One owner, permitted driver, or employee of a limousine, tour, or charter company.*
- *One representative from Visit San Antonio.*
- *One member of the San Antonio Hotel and Lodging Association.*

Mr. Gonzales motioned to recommend Section 3, Seconded by Mr. Strange

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

**4. Operation of Illegal Vehicles-for-hire in San Antonio:**

Mr. Mery states he has received calls from the Concierge Association on illegal vehicles approaching hotels for business.

Discussing held.

No action was taken.

**5. Establish a TAB Sub-Committee to review Chapter 33 and Rules and Regulations:**

The board discussed members to be appointed to the Sub-Committee:

- Erica LaHood
- Robert Gonzales
- Javier Tristan
- George Mery
- Eddie Rodriguez

Mr. Gonzales motioned to appoint members to the TAB Sub-committee to review Chapter 33; Second by Mr. Strange.

**For: All Against: None Abstentions: None Members Appointed**

**6. Elections for TAB Positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Parliamentarian):**

Mr. Gonzales moved to appoint Mr. George Mery as the chair of the TAB, which was second by Mr. Strainge.

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

Mr. Garcia moved to appoint Ms. Erica LaHood as the Vice-Chair of the TAB, which was Second by Mr. Strainge.

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

No action taken on Parliamentarian.

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

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

**8. Announcements:**

Mr. Gonzales stated he has a taxicab driver who is a friend; he is 73 years old and has been in the business for 44 years. He was physically assaulted at the Airport and was attempting to make a police report and was suspended for fighting. He then went to the director's office to discuss the situation and was arrested for trespassing.

**9. Adjournment:**

Motion made by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Ms. LaHood.

**For: All      Against: None**

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

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George Mery  
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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