
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Board Members Present:

George Mery
George Garcia
Robert Gonzales
Eddie Rodriguez
Ty Edwards
Javier Tristan
Nick Roberson

Board Members Absent:

Others Present

Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager
Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director SAPD
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. Gilbert at 5:00 pm. A Roll Call followed, and at least six (6) voting board members were present, and a quorum was established.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2022.

T. Edwards moved for approval; E. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

2. Public Comments:

Linda Thomas – ALRT Taxicab

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

3. Introduction of new TAB member Nicki Roberson

Mr. Mery introduced Mr. Roberson as a new TAB member representing District 2.

4. Update on the TAB recommended changes to Chapter 33 and TAB Chairperson:

Mr. Gilbert stated that Staff would be taking the proposed amendments to the Transportation and Mobility Committee scheduled for August 29, 2022.

Mr. Gonzales questioned why Chapter 33 was going to the Transportation and Mobility Committee, instead of the Public Safety Committee.

Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez stated that she had discussed these recommendations with Councilwoman Havrda; she is the Chair of both the Public Safety Committee and the Transportation and Mobility Committee. They both felt that the Transportation and Mobility Committee would be the more appropriate committee to review the proposed changes. She also stated that once reviewed, and if recommended, they would go in front of the full City Council, the outcome would be the same.

Mr. Rodriguez asked why these proposed changes have taken so long to get to a City Council Committee.

Rick Riley, Assistant Director of the Police Department, explained the process of collecting all the information, continued dialogs, and several levels of reviews were done to ensure all recommendations were considered.

Mr. Garcia wanted to make sure that the TAB recommended change to the TAB Chairperson was also going to move forward.

Mr. Gilbert informed the TAB that the TAB Chairperson recommendation would also be presented to the Transportation and Mobility Committee.

Mr. Gilbert asked the TAB if they had any other recommendations to move forward. No TAB members had any items.

5. The requirements for a taxicab company to maintain a minimum of three permits to remain a taxicab company:

Mr. Gonzales mentioned that the ordinance requires taxicab companies to maintain at least 3 taxicabs to be a company, and the owner/operators are required to 1 taxicab to be a company.

Discussion was held

R. Gonzales made a motion to amend chapter 33 taxicab company requirement to have 3 permitted taxicabs to be a company to 2 permitted taxicabs to be a company; N. Roberson seconded the motion.

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

6. Owner/Operator's ability to utilize a part-time driver:

Mr. Gonzales stated owner/operators should be able to have a second driver.

Discussion was held

Agenda items was tabled until the next meeting

7. Discussion on the Limousine Industry (no action may be taken on this agenda item):

Mr. Mery discussed the issue of 16 passengers or more vehicles required to be licensed by TXDOT and GTU. He is requesting that this issue be discussed in future meetings.

Mery discussed the issue of the City of San Antonio jurisdiction.

Mr. Rodriguez left the meeting at 6:08 PM

Mr. Mery discussed the issue of the minimum limousine per hour rate and contracts.

8. Request for items to be placed on future agenda:

- Taxicab Owner/Operators additional drivers
- Limousine requirement to have 16 + passengers vehicles regulated by TXDOT and the City of San Antonio

8. Announcements:

None

9. Adjournment:

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

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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