

---

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

---

### Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, June 28, 2023

---

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

George Mery  
George Garcia  
Robert Gonzales  
Nick Roberson  
Ty Edwards  
Javier Tristan  
Erica LaHood  
Amanda Almanza

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

Eddie Rodriguez

#### **Others Present**

Richard 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 5:03 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 March 15, 2023, TAB meeting

T. Edwards moved for approval; R. Gonzales seconded the motion.

Mr. Roberson presented a correction to the March 15, 2023, minutes to Item 3. Mr. Roberson stated that no one seconded his motion; thus, the motion was not accepted, so the motion could not have failed.

This correction was accepted by T. Edwards and seconded by R. Gonzales.

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

## **2. Public Comments:**

None

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

### **3. San Antonio Airport's Permitted Drivers Sanctions:**

Mr. Gonzales opened the discussion with stating that he represented the Taxi Industry and he stated that he had requested this item on the agenda.

Mr. Gonzales briefed the history of how the Airport Ground Transportation handled issues with drivers. He brought up a specific situation with a driver that had his driving privileges permanently suspended.

Mr. Gonzales stated that this was done without any appeal process. He has attempted to work with Airport Management on this situation without a resolution and he is requesting that the Board help address the need for an appeal process.

Ms. Amanda Almanza was present from the Aviation Department to respond to board questions.

Discussion was held.

### **4. TAB Chairperson Requirements:**

Mr. Garcia stated that he wanted the chairperson to go back to City Council for consideration.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to amend Ordinance #74977 to authorize any Transportation Advisory Board Voting Member to serve as the Chairperson of the Board. Second: Mr. Gonzales

For: Mr. Mery, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. LaHood, Mr. Tristan, Mr. Edwards

Against: None

Abstentions: Mr. Roberson

**Motion: approved**

**5. Recommendation on the removal of the following portion of Chapter 33-029 (Drug Free Workplace) of the City Code:**

- **33-029 (b) (2) – The first date on which any new driver operates a vehicle under the holder’s operating permit.**

Mr. Roberson moved to remove Chapter 33, Sec. 33-029 (b) (2), Second by Mr. Gonzales.

Discussion was held.

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

**6. Items for the Next TAB Meeting**

Moratorium on issue of new taxicab permits.

**7. Announcements:**

Mr. Edwards stated that he was elected to the Alamo Heights School Board, and he may be unable to attend some of the TABs future meetings.

**8. Adjournment:**

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

**For:** All      **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

---

George Mery  
TAB Vice-Chairperson

---

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