

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 13, 2016  
County Commissioners Board Room  
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Public Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Victor Crist at 9:10 a.m. The following members were present:

*Victor Crist, Chair  
Frank Reddick  
Guido Maniscalco  
David Pogorilich  
Al Higginbotham  
Ken Hagan  
Cindy Oster  
Kyle Cockream  
Brett Saunders  
Kimberly Kerwin*

*Board of County Commissioner  
City of Tampa  
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City of Temple Terrace  
Board of County Commissioner  
Board of County Commissioner  
Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Executive Director  
Chief Inspector  
Administrative Specialist II*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & AGENDA**

*The invocation and pledge was given by Commissioner Crist, and the swearing in of witnesses was administered by Chief Inspector Brett Saunders. Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Hagan and unanimously approved.*

**3. IN THE NEWS**

*None*

**4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*Audience participation was given 45 minutes (2 minutes per individual). The below individuals spoke: (Please Visit: <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/index.aspx?nid=274/> to purchase a copy of the video or download a copy of the captioning for full details.)*

- A. Louis Minardi*
- B. Thomas Smith*
- C. Rob Searcy*
- D. Steve Michelini*

*Councilman Reddick made a motion to approve audience participation, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved.*

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

*Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve the consent items, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved. (closed)*

**6. ATTORNEYS REPORT**

- A. Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc – Update*

*Mrs. Oster advised the board she is preparing a written order on Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc. for the Chairman's signature, in case of an appeal.*

*Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco and unanimously approved. (closed)*

**7. DIRECTORS REPORT**

- A. Limitations on Turning Around*

*Mr. Cockream recapped on "Mr. Smith's request from the December 9<sup>th</sup> PTC Meeting for the Commission to support for hire vehicles to have legal authority to use the turnaround or break points on the interstate or bridges". Mr.*

*Cockream “contacted the Florida Highway Patrol and they will not issue a waiver on these break points. The Florida Highway Patrol and the PTC Commission does not have the authority to issue a waiver on the Florida Statute”.*

**B. Transportation Network Company (TNC) Enforcement**

*Mr. Cockream explained to the board that PTC is “desperately trying to enforce the Rules against rogue operators operating off the platform for these Transportation Network Companies”.*

**C. Zone Permits**

*Mr. Cockream advised the board that “every auction I’ve set aside three to four unrestricted permits to exchange for the restricted zone permits. Our Rule 1-2.001 Subsection 7 states that all restricted zone permits shall be brought into compliance by the population cap by December 31, 2022”.*

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Rules & Policy Committee – Wrecker Rules Update**

*Mr. Cockream briefed the board on proposed rule number three; “this rule change would require a vehicle owner to pay the \$50.00 service charge for non-consensual towing after only one hour of the tow company having notified the appropriate law enforcement authority instead of the three hours that are currently indicated in the rule”. Rule three failed to be adopted.*

*Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve/adopt rules 1 & 2, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)*

*Councilman Pogorilich made a second motioned to table rules 4 & 5 until the February board meeting, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (open)*

**B. Request for Variance/Waiver**

**1. 1st Class Limousine – Waiver**

*Mr. Cockream advised the board 1<sup>st</sup> Class Limousines has a 2005 Stretch Hummer and are requesting a waiver of “Rule 1-8 (4) (e), a vehicle cannot exceed ten model years old at time of inspection”.*

*Councilman Pogorilich motioned to approve waiver request, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)*

**C. Zone Map Rate**

*Mr. Cockream informed the board of a rule change needed in order to increase the downtown zone rate of \$3.00 to \$4.00. Mrs. Oster “crafted the verbiage” of the updated rule change, and will need the Commission’s approval to move forward with the rule change process.*

*Commissioner Higginbotham motioned to approve proposed rules change to increase the down town zone rate from \$3.00 to \$4.00, it was seconded by Councilman Pogorilich, and unanimously approved. (closed)*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Hearings**

**1. Van Certificate**

**a. Vinny’s Transportation**

*Hearing Officer Susan More recommends granting Vinny’s Transportation a certificate along with two unrestricted van permits.*

*Councilman Pogorilich motion to approve, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)*

## B. Public Vehicle Driver's License Denial Appeals

1. Mark Skaggs' – Represented by Bryan Starks, Starks Towing, LLC.

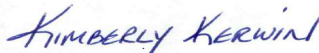
*Mr. Skaggs' was present for his reconsideration appeal. Commissioner Higginbotham motioned approve with 12 month probation, the motion was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco, and unanimously approved. (closed)*

2. Louis Toles – Represented by Paul Hinton, Gulf Coast Transportation

*Mr. Toles was present for his appeal. Councilman Reddick motioned to approve with a 6 month probation, it was seconded by Councilman Maniscalco. (closed)*

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.*



**Kimberly Kerwin**  
**Public Transportation Commission**

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