

**GREATER LANSING TAXI AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Hannan. The meeting was held in Conference Room A, City Hall, 410 Abbot Road, East Lansing MI, 48823.

Item I **Roll Call**

Wicks called the roll:

Members Present: Hannan, House, Kilpatrick, Reed, Wilson, Wriggelsworth

Ex Officio Members Present: Lillie

Members Absent: Haas, Kraus, Reed

Ex Officio Members Absent: Feldpausch, Pingston

Item II **Approval of the Minutes**

Without objection, the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

Item III **Approval of Agenda**

Without objection, the agenda was approved.

Item IV **Public Comment**

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Item V **Cab Operator Renewal Update**

Wicks said we currently license 31 companies and about 170 drivers. Wicks said there hadn't been any denials but that there had been a fight between two cab drivers on campus that may result in an assault charge.

Item VI **Status of Taximeters**

Wicks noted GLTA should have sent out reminder notices regarding taximeters at the beginning of the year but instead would send out a postcard driving people to the GLTA website for updates such as those regarding meters and Gateway Rules from CATA.

Hannan said we would need to decide whether the meters have to be hard-wired or if they could be GPS/App-based.

Wicks suggested we could continue this discussion via e-mail and then come back for deliberation. Wicks noted the requirements for meter functionality have been established and suggested the group revisit those items.

House suggested we involve taxi drivers in the discussion.

Item VII**C.A.T.A Multi-Modal Gateway Rules**

Hannan noted we hadn't conferred with CATA recently and suggested the GLTA could adopt more formal enforcement rules if needed.

Wicks said there were several notification items, along with the Gateway Rules, that could be included on a postcard to cab operators to drive them to the GLTA website to look at updates.

Hannan noted that enforcement for Multi-Modal Station falls under the jurisdiction of MSU and the enforceable ordinance is from the GLTA. He also suggested we give a little time to see if stronger enforcement tools are even warranted.

Lillie suggested a brief, informational meeting with CATA, MSU PD and other interested parties.

Item VII**Status of Enforcement Ordinance Adoption**

Wilson said at this time, Meridian has not adopted an ordinance and that there are other more pressing issues in front of the board. Wilson suggested waiting until after the November Election to press forward with adoption of an ordinance.

Wriggelsworth asked what could be done when cab drivers are cited more than once for texting while driving.

Wicks noted the GLTA has a rule prohibiting distracted driving and Hannan suggested that the GLTA could indeed take enforcement as long as we receive notification when such citations are issued.

Wriggelsworth suggested he could send out an e-mail countywide to let law enforcement know to inform the GLTA of any serious citations issued to cab operators including distracted driving. He also suggested we require self-reporting of civil infractions while driving in the capacity of a cab driver.

Wicks said they have to report misdemeanors at the time of renewal and that the GLTA could look at adding this requirement to the application.

Wriggelsworth suggested that a quarterly, manual review of ticket data associated with cab operators might flag drivers with issues, but also noted that we don't have access to Lansing's data.

Hannan suggested running an annual query at renewal.

Item IX**Schedule of Meetings for 2016**

Without objection, it was agreed the GLTA would continue to meet monthly through June 30th, break for July and August, then resume meeting monthly again in September through the end of calendar year 2016.

Item X**Legislative Update**

Hannan said the legislature has had robust discussion concerning the regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNC's) and the upshot is a new approach which is to deregulate all small vehicle services. This would include repealing the limo act, and MDOT would take over regulation of taxis, limos, TNC's and so on.

Hannan said there is a bill that would allow for locals to enact stricter regulations than the state, however, we would not have the ability to license these services. Hannan further stated the legislature may even strike this provision. This may be the result of additional "disruptive technologies" coming down the pike such as driverless vehicles, TNC's sponsored by vehicle companies.

Item XI**Items for the Good of the Order**

None

Item XII**Adjournment**

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie E. Wicks
Recording Secretary