

STATE OF NEVADA

TODD PARK
Administrator



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
TAXICAB AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2026, BOARD MEETING

1. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order

The meeting was convened at 9:32 a.m. at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 400.

Board Members Present:

Chair Dan Reaser

Vice Chair Rusty Graf

Member JD Decker

Member Lawrence Weekly

Member Alejandro Vázquez

Todd Weiss, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Present from the Taxicab Authority:

Todd Park, Administrator

Curtis Mell, Deputy Administrator

Lona Webb, Attorney

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Member Decker.

C. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

The Chair confirmed proper posting and noticing.

2. Public Comment

Public comment was opened

Stephen Myers, 9700 West Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148

Mr. Myers stated he is a W-2 taxi driver since 1998, and urged the Board to **deny all medallion increase requests**, citing:

- NAC 706.5565 lease-cab 50% cap.
- Concerns about companies using medallions increases to expand lease fleets.
- Lease drivers turn down short rides, aggressive behavior at resorts, lack of enforcement presence.
- Fear of erosion of W-2 workforce and service gaps during off-peak hours.

No additional Public Comment was offered in-person or by remote participation.

Public comment closed

3. Approval of June 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for June 17, 2026.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Graf to approve June 17, 2026, minutes; second by Member Decker; unanimously approved.

4. Industry Discussion

Comments from Industry Representatives

Kimberly Maxon-Rushton (Livery Operators Association) warned that favorable action by the NTA on a pending application would result in 7,000 autonomous vehicles being approved to provide transportation services in Clark County under NRS 706B. Ms. Maxon-Rushton's presentation:

- Asserted proposed AV service meets statutory definition of "taxicab" under NRS 706.8816.
- Requested Authority investigate and require medallion applications if AVs operate as taxis.
- Raised concerns about market oversaturation, Golden Triangle congestion, and safety issues (AVs entering emergency scenes).
- Provided Intervention status
- Discussed Potential court action
- Raised concerns about traffic congestion, safety standards and emergency services interference.

Spencer Gunnerson (Taxi Management)

- Client concerns
- Temporary authorization reference
- Impact of 7,000 vehicles, saturation of market
- Regulatory authority under NRS 706B
- NTA role clarification
- Tesla and other interim order history
- Projected Golden Triangle impact

5. Public Hearing – Pilot Programs Using TNC Technology (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Report of Curtis Mell, Deputy Administrator for Taxicab Authority:

- June trips: **9,813** ($\approx 1\%$ of industry trips).
- July trips: **16,304** ($\approx 1.7\%$ of industry trips).
- Trend consistency
- Acceptance and rejections rates
- Driver incentives

George Balaban, Desert Cab Company

- Ongoing Weekly conversations with Uber
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Athan Rebelos, Curb Mobility and **Desiree Dante (Lucky Cab & Western Cab)** clarified platform mechanics, driver opt-ins/opt-outs, and hardware differences between Kaptyn and Curb systems.

Michael Bailin (Taxi Management) noted that Taxi Management transitioned fully to Kaptyn, which improved distribution efficiency and average fare metrics.

Mario Locascio (Deluxe) noted that despite summer being the slowest period, 16,000 incremental trips were generated that previously did not exist.

Board Discussion

- Board members and industry representatives discussed pricing mechanics, driver tips, passenger fare structures, and outer-area coverage.

6. Public Hearing – Notice of Intent to act upon a regulation to adopt permanent regulations/amend regulations/ repeal regulation from chapter 706 of the Nevada Administrative Code (For Discussion

Chair Reaser noted;

- Small Business Impact Statement dated July 15, 2026, concluded the proposed regulations create no negative economic impact
- LCB FILE R006-25 – containing the amended following prior workshop, is the most publicly available.

7. Public Comment

Chair Reaser opened Public Comment. No members of the public in Las Vegas or remotely participating offered comments.

Public comment closed

8. Public Hearing for the adoption and amendment of the regulations of the State of Nevada

Chair Reaser opened discussion of Board action on the proposed permanent regulations.

Member Decker moved to adopt file number R006-25, Member Vazquez seconded.
Motion unanimously approved

9. Public Comment

Chair Reaser opened public comment regarding the adopted regulations. No members of the Public in Las Vegas or remotely participating presented comments.

10. Staff Report (For Discussion Only)

A. Administrator's Report

Administrator Park thanked stakeholders, the Board, and staff for passing permanent regulations in LCB File No. R006-25.

The Administrator emphasized that May 2026 did not exceed 1 million.

B. Enforcement/Compliance Report

- **Slow Summer Season & Revenue Growth:** While summer trip volume remained below 1 million rides during the industry's traditionally slowest months, revenue per trip grew to **\$19.71** (up from \$19.39, a nearly 4.5% increase). Base trip revenue also rose 1.52%, keeping cumulative monthly stats positive through July. **Decals:** Active medallion decal count held steady at 2,143.
- **Active Medallion Decals:** Active decal counts remained unchanged at **2,143**
- **Enforcement/Impounds:** Impounds reached 14 in July and 74 year-to-date as of August 11, 2026.
- Public Awareness Campaigns
- **Accidents & Property:** 249 reported accidents in July; 121 lost property reports.
- **Vehicle Status:** 163 cabs removed from service; 190 received 24-hour removals. 29 new cabs entered service, bringing total active cabs to 3,143.

C. Legal Counsel

No reports.

D. Future Agenda Items

Administrator Park noted potential adjustments to the October meeting date or physical location due to administrative scheduling.

11. Public Comment

Public comment was opened

Stephen Myers, 9700 West Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148

Mr. Myers observed:

- Lack of union or driver representation at Board meetings.
- Stated outer-area cab sightings often represent lease drivers commuting rather than active service.
- Highlighted driver confusion with app payout structures and safety concerns regarding app-based pick-ups vs. resort lines.
- Linked rising accident rates to financial pressure on lease drivers.

No additional Public Comment was offered in-person or by remote participation.

Public comment closed

12. Adjournment (Action)

Vice Chair Graf moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Vazquez seconded.
Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

By the Authority,

Dan R. Reaser
Dan Reaser, Chair
Nevada Taxicab Authority

09.16.2026
Date