



Taxicab Services Commission

September 15, 2025

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting held at:

101 Monroe Street

Rockville, MD 20850

Attendees:

Commission members present:

Elizabeth "Buffy" Ellis, David Mohebbi, Willie Sumo, Charles Kauffman, Afework Kidane, Joyce Plaxen, Reza Raoofi

Commission members absent:

Nelson Biama, Becaye Traore

MCDOT Staff: Ulysses Delaney, Kofi Bempah, Kristopher Starks, Ulysses Delaney, Sam Oji, Antoinette Brunson,

Ex-Officio members Present:

Christopher Conkin – Director – Montgomery County Department of Transportation

Ex-Officio members Absent:

Evan Glass – Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee

Guests:

None

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Action Item:

- Commission member Kauffman made a motion to approve the June 17, 2025, Taxicab Services Commission meeting minutes. Commission member Mohebbi seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously by all commission members in attendance.

Discussion Items:**Discussion – FY25 Transportation Services Improvement Fund totals**

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff member Bempah discussed wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxicab Transportation Services Improvement Fund (TSIF) expenditures for FY25.
- Commission Chair Ellis requested information from the taxicab industry representatives about the ratio of taxicab owner/operators to individual owners.
- Commission member Kidane inquired about the TSIF benefits for traditional sedan taxicab operators.
- Ex-Officio member Conklin discussed the reasons for reimbursement from the TSIF.
- Commission member Sumo expressed his belief that traditional sedan operators do not need to benefit from the TSIF.
- Commission Chair Ellis suggested an increase in the Call-in-Ride Guaranteed \$10 Fare Program for traditional sedan operators.
- Commission member Plaxen mentioned that individuals who are disabled, but who may not use a wheelchair or motorized scooter may prefer to use a sedan.

Discussion – Pending Regulations

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff provided an update of four pending executive regulations pertaining to the taxicab industry.
- Commission member Mohebbi remarked that there is no incentive for taxicab operators to provide service in the evening as most taxicab related activities occur during the daytime.

Discussion – Report from Taxicab Code Enforcement Inspectors

- Code Enforcement inspectors provided updates regarding taxicab stands and the need for nighttime taxicab service.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned:

Commission member Mohebbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission member Kauffman. The motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.