PRIVATE FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF REVIEW
MINUTES – February 13, 2008

A. Call to Order: 1:32 p.m. by Dawn Yamasaki

B. Roll Call / Sign-In

1. **Roll Call:**
   Abma (P) Bauhs (P) Corona (P) Huddleston (A) Rauen (P) Blosser (P)
   Miller (P) Ochosa (P) Putman (P) Yamasaki (P) Dufay (P)

2. **Others / Audience:** The list of other attendees is available from the Revenue Bureau.

C. Approval of Agenda:
Ramon Corona moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Butch Miller.
The agenda was unanimously approved.

D. Approval of Previous Minutes:
Butch Miller moved to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Gail Bauhs. The minutes were unanimously approved.

E. Supervisor's Report:

1. Enforcement Update, Dufay: Lots of enforcement going on, starting next month, will report quarterly on number of contacts, citations issued, etc.
   Reports that Angie has left and clerical support is very limited.
   Looking at unpermitted drivers, cars, and companies.

2.Proposed program changes went to company standing committee yesterday, would like to form workgroup to get through the issues.
Dawn asked for recommendation from board as to the make-up of the workgroup. The board believes that full board should be involved. A separate meeting prior to the next board meeting will be scheduled with invitations to all interested parties.

F. Old Business

G. Standing Committee Reports

1. **Company**
   Met yesterday and looked at proposed changes. Will present synopsis of yearlong program of definition of services to workgroup meeting.
   The group discussed the previous proposal.

2. **Driver**
   Group discussed limo regulations and driver standards. Suggest class like Seattle, to go over language, safety, geography, hygiene, history, regulations, customer service, and vehicle cleanliness. Test to be given after class, no pass, no driver permit. Seattle contracts with local college to teach class.
   Discussed moratorium, do not see need to lift the moratorium without a demand study first. Last study done in 2001, 65 cabs have been added as well as 250 town cars and shuttles. Now drivers have to work significantly longer hours to make living wage.
   Discussed out of town taxis picking up passengers downtown on weekends. Handout of "on demand transportation" and how it violates city rules.

Putnam commented that he supports customer service training for drivers, Bauhs discussed an incident at PDX airport where she was refused service by 2 drivers for no reason. Yamasaki will send research she has gathered on driver training to group.

New Business

Question from audience regarding streamlining of permitting process. Response: the Port was badging drivers, they are now accepting City of Portland background checks and driver history.

Also, IRCO offering ESL classes that would be available to drivers.

Guests: Chris Whalen, Entourage International. Developing driver association for Limo/town car companies in the Portland area.

Gail Bauhs wanted to recognize the service provided to the PFH community by Angie Abudakar and thank her for her work.

I. Adjourn

Next meeting, March 12, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Allison Madsen, Regulatory Program Specialist