

## Agenda: Item 6

Membership and proposed agenda of the Clean Air Working Group and  
Rules Subcommittee [DISCUSSION]

CITY AND COUNTY OF  
SAN FRANCISCO



TAXI COMMISSION  
MAYOR GAVIN C. NEWSOM

HEIDI MACHEN  
*Executive Director*

TO: TAXI COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: HEIDI MACHEN *(HM)*  
DATE: AUGUST 8, 2007  
RE: CLEAN AIR TAXI MEETINGS, RULES SUBCOMMITTEE

Note that all meetings will be publicly noticed in conformity with public meeting laws with ample opportunity for public comment

#### I. CLEAN AIR WORKING GROUP:

Membership in this working group is intended to be fairly open-ended. A full list of voting members will be considered at the Taxi Commission's next meeting and will include two to three Taxi Commissioners, a representative from the Dept of Environment, a CNG fuel provider, a representative from S&C Ford, and representatives from all taxi companies who are interested. Commission Staff will include Exec Director Heidi Machen and Executive Assistant Tamara Odisho.

This working group will develop a list of the most environmentally friendly vehicles possible which can be used as taxis and will also develop an implementation plan to convert the entire fleet of San Francisco taxis to clean taxis with a goal of converting all by 2011.

The Commission should approve membership of the working group not later than the August 28 meeting so that it may start meeting by not later than September 10. By resolution, the working group is bound to deliver the final report at the Commission's October 23 meeting, but since much of the work has been done, we should be able to produce a plan over the course of three meetings.

These are the dates and times already confirmed in City Hall conference room 421:  
SF TXC - Clean Air Working Group:

September 10 1:00 - 3:00 PM

September 24 12:00 - 2:00 PM – (Note deviation because this room only available until 2:15pm and after 5:15pm)

October 15 1:00 - 3:00 PM

#### II. RULES SUBCOMMITTEE:

**Members:** President Gillespie intends to appoint a sub-committee of the Taxi Commission to meet and consider any needed rule changes from the Taxi Commission Rules and Regulations. Members of this group will include: Vice-President Patricia Breslin, who will chair the subcommittee, President Paul Gillespie, and Commissioner Tom Oneto.

Deputy Director Jordanna Thigpen will staff this meeting with the assistance of Executive Assistant Tamara Odisho. There is a staff memorandum with proposed changes to promote discussion at the first meeting. Given the anticipated limit of three meetings, the subcommittee may want to address rules by section in going through the rule book. Some additional issues for consideration may include standards for workers compensation and standards by which permits are denied based on

criminal background checks.

Here are the confirmed dates for the Rules Committee meetings.

**\*\* These are scheduled**

**SF TXC - Rules Subcommittee:**

September 24 10:00 - 12:30 PM - CONFIRMED, Conference Room 421

October 11 1:30-3:30pm - CONFIRMED, Conference Room 421

November 5 10:00 - 12:30 PM - CONFIRMED, Conference Room 421