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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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January 10, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on January 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Charles Poe
Don Poe	
Tae Hwa Chung	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 5, 2001.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	C. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

*The addition of election of the chair and vice chair was added to the agenda.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To accept the nominations of chair and vice chair for the year of 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

Don Poe was nominated and voted in as vice chair. Both John Hastie and Brad Kehoe were nominated as the chair. Mr. Kehoe subsequently turned down the nomination and John Hastie was voted in as chair.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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### CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, addressed the issue of the renewal application process for taxicab chauffeur permits. He has decided, "the process is the process". He further announced that he has been offered a Chief of Police position in Red Bluff, California. There are some details that will still need to be worked out before any plans are finalized. Chief Petitt received a call from Angstman's Law Office concerning cab permits for Yukon Cab. Chief Petitt stated that for as long as he has been in Bethel that Yukon Cab has not held valid permits. Chief Petitt reminded the Commission that when the permits elapse, they are no longer valid; they cannot be "resurrected". If the permits are not renewed – they are automatically revoked.

### TAXI CAB INSPECTORS REPORT

Chief Petitt deferred to Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician, who presented his written report to the Commission. Commission members questioned Chief Petitt regarding the income of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Among the questions were – is the amount of the income of the Department of Motor Vehicles more or less than the City expected and where does that income go. Chief Petitt informed the members that yes, the income is more than expected and the income goes in the City of Bethel's general fund. The DMV office is operated by the City of Bethel, thus the City of Bethel is a commissioned agent of the State of Alaska. The Bethel Police Department has the direct supervision responsibilities of the DMV.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ITEM A – FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	Amendment of ordinance #5.20.080-15 to read – The vehicle shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a gauge that clearly indicates that the unit is fully charged, mounted, and be readily accessible within the driver's immediate reach in the vehicle.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

Discussion ensued regarding the position of mounting the fire extinguisher, the accuracy of the gauges, and the validity of the inspection tags.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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Mr. Kehoe requested that Council Member Carl Berger be invited to attend the next Public Safety & Transportation Commission. Mr. Berger has introduced to the city council a Public Transit System. Mr. Kehoe feels that it is of value that the Commission become involved.

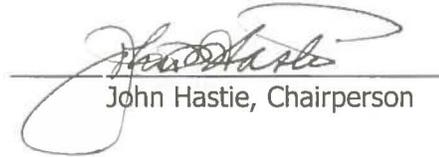
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Poe	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	C. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm, January 10, 2002.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
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John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Janette Persinger, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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February 4, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on February 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Charles Poe	Michael Cho
Don Poe	
Jim Blake	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on January 10, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

*Correction of wording regarding fire extinguishers.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	C. Poe	

*Under New Business, the addition of tour of dog pound.*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Robert K. Petitt, Chief of Police, reported that there has been a resignation of a police officer who had been with the Bethel Police Department for less than six weeks. The Department of Motor Vehicles clerk has also resigned. The DMV will be temporarily closed until a new clerk can be hired and trained. Alternatively, motor vehicle services can be provided via the internet, mail, and telephone. Chief Petitt gave a report of significant events that the police department has been working on.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

There were no comments at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician, passed out copies of the flyer that will be posted throughout the city regarding the DMV. Further discussion ensued regarding how DMV services will be provided during the time that the DMV is closed.

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>		
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	
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**B. NEW BUSINESS**

The meeting was reconvened at the dog pound. Chief Petitt gave a tour of the facility and further explained the dire condition. There are approximately thirty to forty animals that are being euthanased every month, however, there continues to be a serious problem with over crowding. It is possible for a healthy animal to be brought into the pound and to be released having a communicable disease. It was decided that after the tour the meeting would be adjourned at the pound and that the issue of the pound would be added to the next agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>		
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

By mutual consent and direction of the chairperson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm at the dog pound.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm,  
February 4, 2002.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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March 25, 2002

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on March 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Michael Cho	
Don Poe	
Jim Blake	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
George Dahl, Acting Chief of Police  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

### STATE OF TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR & RELATED ISSUES

Robert K. Pettitt, Chief of Police announced that this meeting would be his last. He will be leaving Bethel on April 1, 2002 to take a position with the Red Bluff Police Department in Northern California.

Discussion ensued regarding the dispatch license that was issued by Chief Pettitt. It has come to light that because of the language of the ordinance – the license may be invalid.

#### Dispatch License

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	Contact the city attorney to gain a clear understanding of what needs to be done.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	With the lack of a second – the motion dies
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Poe	To ask the individual to cease operations.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	With the lack of a second – the motion dies.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	Modify the ordinance allowing the individual to continue using the dispatch license.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Cho	

Discussion ensued regarding the specific portion of the ordinance that deals with the transfer or operation of dispatch services.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Roll call vote – 4-1 – motion fails
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Since the Commission could not meet a clear resolution – it was decided that Chief Pettitt would contact the city attorney and Chief Dahl would present the gained information at the next commission meeting.

A short discussion regarding Yukon Fuel ensued. Their fuel trucks have been parking in a public parking lot causing a safety concern. Chief Dahl will be investigating the matter and reporting back at the next commission meeting.

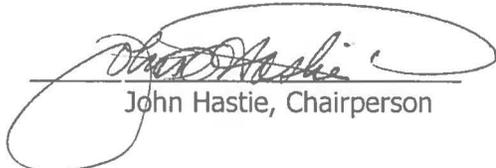
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Cho	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, March 25, 2002.

Approved this 15 day of May, 2002.

  
 John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
 Janette Persinger, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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May 6, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on May 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	
Don Poe	
Michael Cho	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

George Dahl, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on April 1, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

George Dahl, Chief of Police, announced that Howard A. Morris from Tennessee has been given a conditional offer of employment for the position of chief of police. Pending the background investigation – Mr. Morris will begin his employment on June 17, 2002.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician, requested that the Commission review ordinance 01-02 section 5.20.080 – (D) 9 – headlight requirement. Brought to the commission's attention by Andrew, the cab industry has been under the impression that this section ordinance will not be enforced by law enforcement. The commission concurred that this section shall be enforced. Andrew will notify the owners of each cab company and Chief Dahl will notify the officers to enforce this section of the ordinance.

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE #02-09**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To strike last sentence under 2.52.025 (purpose) and request clarification between corporate or llc, individuals, etc. and how they will be dealt with.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed ordinance. Concerns were raised over the language of and the lack of clear of definition by the ordinance.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried unanimously.
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**B. BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2003 FY BUDGET**

George Dahl presented the police department's budget. He explained that the city manager and finance director have already reviewed the budget. Fifteen percent of the budget was removed by the city manager. He further explained the cutting of positions and gave an explanation of the proposed Community Service Officer positions. He informed the Commission that it is the City Council's intention to cut the police department's budget an additional 2.5 percent.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	D. Poe	To direct the city manager to present a zero budget to the city council.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote
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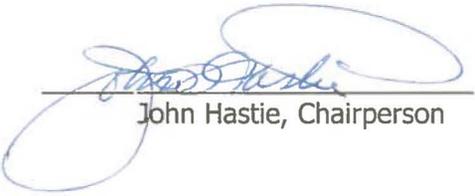
**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm,  
May 6, 2002.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Janette Persinger, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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July 8, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on July 8, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	Jim Blake
Don Poe	Tom Fazzini
Michael Cho	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Tom Hildreth was present and voiced his concerns on cab fares. He suggested a zoning system or meters used in cabs for more accurate fares. Danny Wilcox was present and proposed a dispatch service that would handle all cabs. Chairperson John Hastie requested the concurrence of the industry either by form of a letter or their presence before addressing this issue further.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	
<i>Under New Business added – Operation of off-road vehicles on city roads.</i>		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 6,
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	2002.
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Chief Howard H. Morris stated that he is looking forward to working with the Commission and is grateful for the welcome he has received since arriving in Bethel.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Andrew Steele, Transportation Technician reported that there have been several complaints of fare gouging and this issue is currently being investigated. Four chauffeur applicants have tested in the past month. Three failed the written test the first time but have since retested and all become drivers. An applicant may retest after a twenty-four waiting period. To date, 106 chauffeur permits and 72 owner permits have been issued in 2002.

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Off Road Vehicles On City Roads**

The operation of such vehicles on city or public roads is discouraged. The city is liable for any damage that may incur as a result of the operation of these vehicles on the roads.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To leave the ordinance as is and not allow off road vehicles on city roads.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion failed.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To withdraw the original motion.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To recommend to council to not support the use of off road vehicles on city owned roads.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	D. Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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**B. Headlight Ordinance**

Jim Blake voiced concerns that the headlight ordinance is still not being complied with by the cab industry and requested that enforcement of this begin immediately.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To request that the Chief of Police inform officers to abide by this ordinance and issue citations to violators.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	With the lack of a second – the motion dies.
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Discussion ensued regarding the status of Yukon Fuel parking their trucks in the public parking area at the airport.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Chung	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	With the lack of a second – the motion dies.
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Commission members comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm,  
May 6, 2002.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

  
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John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Nicole Williams, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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August 5, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on August 5, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair Don Poe called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	Jim Blake
Don Poe	Tom Fazzini
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Paul Gregory voiced concerns on boating safety, people speeding in boats, people drowning, stolen boats, juveniles out after curfew and ATV safety.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

*Under New Business added – Chauffeur license testing*

*Under New Business added – New cab rules*

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 8, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Andrew Steele has contacted all cab owners, giving them a grace period to have lights on while operating their vehicle before issuing citations. So far, compliance has been good.

Regarding the Yukon fuel trucks parking in the public lot at the airport, phone calls have been made to the manager and the fuel trucks have been parking there less. However, it is a public parking lot and would take an ordinance passed to prohibit Yukon from parking their trucks in this lot.

In response to Mr. Gregory's concerns: The Port Director has posted four signs in NO WAKE zones. The Police Department has put more emphasis on patrolling the small boat harbor and the river as well as making juvenile activity in the late evening a priority and issuing warnings for the use of ATV's on city roads.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Since put into place, there have been nine citations issued to date to cabs operating without having their headlights on.

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Chauffeur License Testing**

Andrew Steele proposed to change the ordinance of testing to every other year instead of annually. Half would be tested one year and the other half tested the next to break up the mass of chauffeur license testing at end of every year.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>		
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	No motion was made at this time.
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**B. New Cab Rules**

Don Poe discussed the bootlegging that takes place out of cabs and would like an ordinance or some type of regulation of implied consent from cab operators to a search of the vehicle being that it is public transportation. "Subject to safety inspection at any time."

<b>MOVED BY:</b>		
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>		

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	No motion was made at this time.
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Discussion ensued regarding the legalities and details of the above mentioned cab rules.

**Commission members comments.**

Brad Kehoe brought forth a city bus idea in light of rising cab fares. Chair person John Hastie mentioned that this idea had been executed back in the 1980's but failed due to the citizen's impulse to call a cab and leave then rather than to wait on a bus to arrive at a scheduled time.

Chair person John Hastie suggested a fee for transportation sur charge for services provided by the Police Department, Fire Department, and Ambulance. He also brought forth the idea of having a ten dollar departure fee for all individuals leaving Bethel from the airport.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm, August 5, 2002.

Approved this 7 day of Oct, 2002.

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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September 9, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on September 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Vice Chair Don Poe called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Dickens	Tae Hwa Chung
Jerry Drake	Michael Cho
Don Poe	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 5, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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## CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Police Officer's have been issuing citations and warnings to citizens operating ATV's on city roads. As a result, there have been some complaints made to the Police Department by these citizens. They feel that they should be allowed to operate their off-road vehicles on city roads.

The headlight issue seems to be rising up again.

## TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

In regard to the proposal of changing the chauffeur license testing brought forth at the last meeting, Andrew Steele has drawn up a plan to test alphabetically: A through M to test in April and N through Z to test in October, with the permit process still taking place at the years end.

Discussion ensued regarding the fee that chauffeurs pay weekly to the cab company owners for the privilege of driving the line as was noted in the Taxi Technicians Report.

Mr. Cho discussed the possibility of eliminating the testing for chauffeur license each year and simply renewing the license.

### A. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

### B. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under New Business.

## Commission Members Comments.

Jerry Drake noted that an ordinance was introduced at the last council meeting to eliminate the requirement that cabs use their headlights while operating and that there will be a public hearing on this at the next council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the individual opinions of whether cabs should operate with or without their lights on.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	In light of Council's recent ordinance introduction to eliminate the use of headlights by cab company's in town, the Transportation Commission would like clarification on it's role to advise City Council about such issues which it has dealt with in the past.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

Discussion ensued regarding point of order in general.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	Recommend to Council to delay action on the headlight ordinance for 60 days while the Commission takes up other amendments to the ordinance.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Directed at Chief Morris was the suggestion of an amendment that would prohibit hazardous material vehicles from parking in unsecured public lots.

Recommendation to add Member Comments to agenda between New Business and Adjournment.

John Dickens spoke for Tom Fazzini on the installation of child restraint seats in taxi cabs and helmets to be worn by children on ATV's.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm, September 9, 2002.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2002.

  
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John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Nicole Williams, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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October 7, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on October 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Jim Blake
Jerry Drake	Michael Cho
Don Poe	
Brad Kehoe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public to be heard.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2002.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Hastie	To allow people that arrived late to be heard under PEOPLE TO BE HEARD
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Diane Chon arrived late to be heard but stated she would like to speak in a minute.

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Chief Howard Morris was unable to attend.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Steele passed out copies of the Taxi Technicians Report. The issue of trip sheets was brought up. Trip sheets are supposed to be kept by all cab drivers and submitted to the main office of the cab company and kept for ninety days. During that time, they must be available to the Police Department should they be requested. After the ninety days, it is at the company's discretion as what to do with them.

It was brought to Mr. Steele's attention that some cab drivers have discovered a way to get around the ordinance pertaining to the keeping of trip sheets by claiming that they are dispatching. It states in the ordinance that if a driver is dispatching, he or she is not required to keep a trip sheet.

Discussion ensued regarding the significance of trip sheets.

Andrew Steele spoke on behalf of Chief Morris regarding several issues to be addressed from the last meeting.

The city attorney is currently researching the issue of hazardous material trucks parking in public parking lots. (Yukon Fuel parking trucks in the airport parking lot.)

A class on proper installation of child restraint seats in vehicles will be coming to Bethel in April 2003.

City Council has granted the Public Safety & Transportation Commission forty-five days from the last council meeting to deal with issues at hand before acting on the headlight ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding commercial vehicles carrying passengers having headlights on.

Mr. Steele suggested that the idea of eliminating chauffeur testing every year and simply renewing the license would not be in the best interest due to lack of ongoing driver education. Testing refreshes and holds the driver's skills. He recommended to still do the permit application and then test everybody every two years.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Cho	Recommend to Council to change chauffeur permit renewal and test to be taken every five years.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Kehoe	

Discussion ensued.

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion fails.
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<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Poe	Recommend to Council to continue to renew chauffeur permit application yearly and change written/driving test to be taken every two years.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Blake	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**A. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under Old Business.

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items to be discussed under New Business.

**Commission Members Comments.**

Mr. Chung voiced concerns of windows being busted out of vehicles.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Chung asked significance of trip sheets if Police Department does not collect them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Blake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Drake	

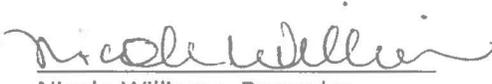
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm, October 7, 2002.

Approved this 2 day of December, 2002.

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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November 12, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on November 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	Jim Blake
Tae Hwa Chung	Michael Cho
Tom Fazzini	Brad Kehoe

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Mr. Soo Yong Lee addressed the Commission inquiring when the taxi cab permit closed and believes that City Cab # 55 was issued a permit after this closure.

Mr. P.T. Choe stated his opinion that if permit issued after the closure is good for one, then it should be good for all.

Tae Hwa Chung stated that since the last meeting on October 7, 2002, he has received much criticism and blame from members of the cab industry for the topic of trip sheets being brought up at the last meeting, citations being issued by police officers, and rumors that he believes were created by Michael Cho.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

Commission Member's Comments to be moved under Chief's Comments

Under New Business added – AC parking lot taxi stand

Under New Business added – Kilbuck school flashing safety light

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 7, 2002
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

## CHIEFS' COMMENTS

Chief Howard Morris addressed the fuel truck issue stating that the city attorney had clarified that the public parking lot at the airport is state property and the state bears the responsibility.

On the headlight issue, a proposal for a new city ordinance that would require all commercial vehicles to run their headlights while operating is in the process of being submitted to Council.

Trip Sheets being kept by cab drivers are necessary.

Regarding the City Cab #55 issue, there is no doubt that the permits were frozen in 1997. There is no doubt that Mr. Chung did receive his permit in 1998. It is unknown as to how this permit came to be, whether it was done in error, by honest mistake or fraudulently. All permits were reviewed in 2000 including Mr. Chung's. The city attorney has recommended that given the facts that Mr. Chung has been a good permit holder and has had no problems or violations what so ever, there will be no investigation by the Police Department of him because there is no evidence that warrants one.

## COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Cho expressed his feelings stating that right is right and wrong is wrong referring to the City Cab #55 debate. It was impossible to obtain a permit in 1998 after the freeze in 1997 and he feels that everyone should have a permit.

Brad Kehoe briefly spoke on Carl Berger's public transit idea that should be presented to the Commission at the next meeting. He also discussed the traffic problem in the Trailer Court. Vehicles, in particular some cab companies, are exceeding the 10 mph speed limit. Being private property, if the speed limit is not abided by, the manager of the Trailer Court can request that individuals not enter the premises and cabs would have to pick up and drop off their fares at the edge of the Trailer Court.

Commenting on the permit issue, Mr. Kehoe feels that this is not an issue that the Public Safety & Transportation Commission should be dealing with, but rather it be left to the Police Department and the city attorney.

Tom Fazzini also mentioned the problem of vehicles speeding in city sub.

John Hastie finds it disheartening to hear of the conflict among the industry as well as two of the members of this commission, regarding the permits. This is not a forum to display opinions on this permit issue and would like to see it cease this evening. He encourages that all parties get along.

## TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Taxi Technician, Andrew Steele, reported the following:

- Complaints/incidents concerning taxicabs in the AC store parking lot.
- Temporary permits granted to two taxis for one month so that faulty speedometers may be replaced.

- Amendment made by City attorney to the Vehicle For Hire ordinance 5.40.020.
- Paperwork has been supplied to cab owners for renewal application for 2003.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Trip sheet significance**

Discussion ensued.  
 Brad Kehoe would like a full briefing on this issue before the Commission further addresses or discusses this to recapture the original intent of trip sheets.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AC parking lot taxi stand**

John Hastie not pleased with the "free for all" taking place in this parking lot. Taxi cabs are not using the taxi lane that was created for them to resolve some of the chaos in this parking lot.

Discussion ensued. Chief Morris will contact David Hicks, manager of the AC store and try to help resolve this,

**B. Kilbuck School Safety Flashing Light**

It has been brought to Mr. Hastie's attention that the battery operated flashing lights have to be manually turned on and off. These lights have not worked since the beginning of the school year. Mr. Hastie suggested having the lights wired with automatic timers to get them in working order.

Chief Morris will speak with the director of Public Works on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Kehoe	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Chung	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm, November 12, 2002.

Approved this 2 day of December, 2002.

  
 John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
 Nicole Williams, Recorder

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# City of Bethel, Alaska

## Public Safety & Transportation Commission

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December 2, 2002

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

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### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Commission was held on December 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the city hall conference room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chairperson John Hastie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Comprising a quorum of the commission, the following were present:

John Hastie	John Dickens
Tae Hwa Chung	Jerry Drake
Don Poe	

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Howard H. Morris, Chief of Police and Taxi Inspector  
George Young, Fire Chief  
Andrew Steele, Taxi Technician  
Nicole Williams, Recorder

### PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Frank Mazzaro addressed trip sheets and inquired if trip sheets are being done accordingly by other taxi drivers.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the regular agenda.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	
Under New Business added – Taxi rates and zoning		
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 12, 2002
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Dickens	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.	

**CHIEFS' COMMENTS**

Fire Chief, George Young, briefly discussed the lack of volunteers and the process by which one becomes a volunteer for the Fire Department. They are currently advertising to fill two paid positions which are open.

Discussion ensued regarding explorer programs for high school students to get young people involved and educated in Public Safety, Fire and Police work.

In addition to regular classes for volunteers, the Fire Department is offering free State Certification EMT I and Firefighter I classes.

Chief Morris mentioned incentives such as housing supplement and increase in pay to better draw in qualified applicants and new hires. He briefly noted that the trip sheets to be done by all taxi drivers are an absolute necessity.

**TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Taxi Technician, Andrew Steele, reported the following:

- A/C manager, David Hicks, is not prepared to allow the free for all that had been the norm with cabs in the parking lot to continue.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Flashing Caution Light at Kilbuck School**

Chief Morris stated that the light is in the process of being wired to a timer and should be operating properly soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Taxi Rates and Zoning**

John Hastie touched base on this issue referring to some phone calls he has received over the last couple of months regarding zoning and how rates are calculated and exactly what is considered the center of town now.

Discussion ensued and Chief Morris said that he would furnish a condensed map to the Commission to help clarify this situation.

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Dickens	To allow Mr. Mazzaro to be heard once again under People to be Heard.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Hastie	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Mr. Mazzaro commented on rates and zones of taxi cabs and responsibilities of the drivers.

**COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

John Dickens and Jerry Drake would like to send a recommendation to council stating that the Public Safety & Transportation Commission supports the CSO concept and all of the endeavors that Chief Morris is making to bring it about.

John Dickens spoke on behalf of Tom Fazzini regarding a helmet law for adolescents. He also would like to convey to the city drivers the safety and precautions that need to be taken especially by the drivers of the big trucks and the potential of injury to children when these are operating.

Mr. Dickens briefly mentioned a road to Napakiak and the benefits it would bring to the community.

Chief Morris stated that the snowmobiles for the Police Department have arrived and should be operating within 30 days. The Police Department is also looking at a Reserve Program and neighborhood watches.

John Hastie mentioned the honking of horns by cabs around YKHC disturbing the doctors and nurses trying to sleep while working long shifts. He also mentioned the dark corners in town due to street lights not working.

#### ADJOURNMENT

<b>MOVED BY:</b>	Drake	To adjourn the meeting.
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	Poe	

<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
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With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m., December 2, 2002

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 200~~2~~<sup>3</sup>

  
John Hastie, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Nicole Williams, Recorder