



Regulatory Policy Committee

CHAIRMAN: Jim Stockeland, President, Bison Transport USA
TCA STAFF LIAISON: David Heller, Caitlin Smith

MINUTES:

MEETING DATE: Sunday, March 5, 2023
TIME: 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. EST
PLACE: Gaylord Palms Orlando

MEMBERS PRESENT

Beacom, Joe	Nagle, Ed
Blanchard, Adam	Newell, Dean
Chrulski, Tim	Penner, Rob
Coca, Jon	Pottle, Barry
Cordova, Ron	Randall, Scott
Crowley, Shannon	Smerchek, Karen
Davis, Jeffrey	Stockeland, Jim
Dellinger, Dennis	Swedberg, Konor
Edmondson, Amber	Votroubek, Lance
Elliott, John	Williams, Dave
Faldin, Gary	Wingerter, Nicholas
Gulker, Chris	Woody, Chris
Kurts, Trevor	

GUESTS PRESENT

Abrego, Mylene	Dittmer, Brenda	Jones, TJ
Ahart, Michael	Durocher, Andre	Kappen, Drew
Amhof, Randy	Edwards, Phillip	Kordish, Ashley
Amhof, Roger	Ercanbrack, Luke	Lindores, Gavin
Atwater, Jordan	Erwin, Sandy	Lovan, Josh
Baskin, Travis	Fisher, Jason	Mallory, John
Bodnar, Samantha	Gasiunas, Justas	Martin, Trevor
Bowman, Don	Gill, Sam	McDonald, Rachel
Bramlage, Kyle	Gillette, Patt	McKinney, Jeff
Bush, George	Glasgow, Mark	Nixon, Kevin
Canevello, Michael	Glover, Yvonne	Ochy, Daniel
Celani, Nick	Hall, Brian	Olszewski, Misti
Churilov, Eugenia	Harbison, Christin	Omdahl, Laura
Cravens, George	Hathaway, Doug	Pargeon, Lee
Crumbley, David	Hedstrom, Mike	Patrick, Chris
Culp, John	Hodges, Tommy	Patwardhan, Manohar
Dai, Jimmy	Hogan, Joey	Peck, Phil
Deck, Wiley	Jenkins, Peter	Phillips, Grady
Dittmer, Barry	Johnson, Gary	Pimental, Ciara

Provost, Bill
Quast, Elana
Ray, Jenette
Runners, Brian
Sauro, Pamela
Savoy, Randy
Seaton, Shelly
Sharp Schwalb, Allie
Simard, Melanie

Simon, Mel
Singh, Sahei
Smith, Benjy
Smith, Jason
Smith, Joe
St. Paul, Rick
Stinchcomb, Joe
Tattershall, Beth
Taylor, Roni

Tompkins, Eric
VandeHei, Marsha
Vanden Burt, Bob
Froat, Ross
Vise, Avery
Webster, Stephanie
Wnuk, Mark
Wommack, Judd
Woodring, Stephen

TCA STAFF

David Heller
Caitlin Smith
Jim Ward
Eddie Wayland

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Stockeland called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 p.m. EST. Due to the high attendance, Blanchard forwent the verbal roll call and asked committee members and guests to record their names on the sign in sheet. Then, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to conduct the meeting according to the antitrust guidelines. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on September 12, 2022.

Stockeland reminded attendees that the event dates for the Fall Business Meetings have changed to September 25-26, 2024, in Washington, DC to avoid interfering with National Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

II. Briefing on TCA's Filed Comments – Caitlin Smith, Manager of Gov. Affairs, TCA

TCA's Caitlin Smith provided an overview of the most important regulatory comments that TCA filed in 2022. The comments that were discussed covered: oral fluid testing, emissions standards, speed limiters, hair testing, truck identifying technology, and independent contractor classification.

III. Update on Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse – David Heller, Senior VP of Safety & Government Affairs, TCA

TCA's Dave Heller briefed the committee on recent regulatory activity regarding the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. He discussed the Trucking Alliance's hair testing petition and the state of alternative specimens in the testing program. Then, Heller addressed TCA's strategies for advocacy in this area.

This briefing led to a discussion among committee members regarding the benefits and drawbacks of different drug testing methods, as well as debate over the best advocacy strategy to get hair testing incorporated into the Clearinghouse.

IV. National Roadway Safety Strategy - David Heller

Heller detailed the Biden administration's National Roadway Safety Strategy that seeks to reduce fatal accidents on our roadways. He then overviewed the specific rulemakings – both achieved and expected – that are tied to the strategy's goals.

Heller's presentation led to a discussion over TCA's desire to be more proactive in setting industry safety goals. After some discussion, Chairman Stockeland decided to establish a subcommittee to develop a TCA-led safety strategy. Then, Stockeland invited committee members to contact TCA staff to join the subcommittee.

V. Speed Limiter Update – David Heller

Heller overviewed the regulatory rulemaking process that has begun to take shape regarding a potential speed limiter mandate. Heller discussed the industry reaction to the proposal, including TCA's. Then, Heller informed the attendees about the likely path forward for this process and the corresponding timeline.

VI. Freight Brokers NPRM – David Heller

Heller presented the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's proposed interim guidelines for brokerage activities and related entities. He detailed the factors that establish the definition and the relevant fines for misrepresentation. Then, he discussed the related association policy on the matter and TCA's plan for addressing this regulatory action.

VII. NHTSA Side Underride ANPRM – David Heller

Heller discussed the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking that was issued regarding side underride guards. He discussed the association's position on this matter and asked the committee if any changes to official policy should be made – which they elected not to do.

VIII. Massachusetts Rolling Stock

Heller detailed the new push to enforce a rolling stock tax in Massachusetts, that currently equates to a 6.25% sales tax. Heller discussed the Trucking Association of Massachusetts's plan for tax reform in the state on this issue.

IX. Old/New Business

Since there was no old or new business to address, Chairman Stockeland called for a motion to adjourn and the meeting was ended at approximately 2:15 p.m. EST.

X. Adjournment