

## ***Minutes of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board Meeting***

January 16, 2019

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### **Members Present**

Brian Hitchcock  
Don Lahring  
Glen Merkel  
James Burg  
Joe Ballor  
Mike Rushing  
Randy Whitaker  
William Kotynski

### **Members Absent**

Al DeMeestor  
Carol Heinowski  
Joshua Rhodes  
Nichole Gavriloski  
Paul Behmlander  
Robert Esler  
Sarah Stewart

### **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Capt. Michael Krumm  
Marci Kelley  
Jessica Kines  
Amanda Layman  
Beth Schafer

### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Insp. Randy Coplin  
Charles Culton  
Rayne Sherman for Dawn VanAken  
Seth Martin  
Elisha DeFrain for Arne Frobom

### **Others in Attendance**

Christian Zimmer  
Roger Hayes  
Margo Heinonen  
Cheryl Cornellier

### **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

### **January 16, 2019 Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the January 16, 2019 meeting and the meeting minutes from the November 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

## **Agency Reports**

### **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

Ms. Elisha DeFrain reported that Mr. Paul Ajegba has been named MDOT's new Director. Mr. Ajegba was formerly MDOT's Metro Region Engineer and has been with the Department for 28 years.

MDOT is in the process of developing a 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan. This is a federally required document that must be updated at least every five years. MDOT has hired a consultant, WSP to develop the plan and incorporate two other federal required plans, the State Freight Plan and the State Rail Plan. There will be substantial inclusion of freight movements by truck as part of the required components of the freight plan. The plan is scheduled to be completed by 2020. MDOT will keep the MCAB up-to-date regarding opportunities for stakeholder involvement.

MDOT has also created an online, interactive survey through MetroQuest to gather public opinion about the future of transportation in the state. To access this survey, please visit <http://michiganmobility.org/>

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**

No representative present.

### **Michigan State Police (MSP). Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)**

Capt. Michael Krumm reported that Col. Joseph M. Gasper has been appointed as MSP's new director.

The facility upgrades for the westbound Ionia Weigh Station are on track and should be completed by August 2019.

The Automated Weigh Station Screening System (AWSSS) contract with Auxillium Corporation will be finalized on January 23, 2019. AWSSS will be installed at the eastbound New Buffalo and northbound Coldwater Weigh Stations.

The Truckers Against Trafficking awareness initiative is running this week in collaboration with Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. The House of Promise is an organization involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of female victims and survivors of sex-trafficking.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School graduation was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. The 24<sup>th</sup> Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School is tentatively scheduled to start with 25 recruits on June 2, 2019.

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) has received the final draft for a skid pad from Michigan Department, Technology, Management and Budget. The total expense to complete the project is about \$5 million. Over the next month, the chairman of the MTSC, Dr. Dan Blower, will be putting together a final report regarding cost. Dr. Blower will be presenting this information to the legislature to see if we can get any funding assistance.

Insp. Randy Coplin reported that the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees were approved by the FMCSA on December 28, 2018. The UCR opened for renewal on December 28, 2018 and enforcement in Michigan will begin April 2, 2019. The UCR compliance rate for Michigan is greater than 90 percent. A website that may be used for UCR renewal is [www.ucr.gov](http://www.ucr.gov).

FMCSA revised the federal regulations permitting individuals with a stable insulin regimen and properly controlled Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus to be qualified to operate Commercial Motor Vehicles in interstate commerce without a medical exemption.

Ms. Marci Kelley reported that for the 2019 CVED Intrastate Authority renewal, there are 150 carriers that need to be contacted to verify they are still operating. In February CVED will begin preparing the expired carrier report.

#### **Michigan Center for Truck Safety (MCTS)**

Mr. Charles Culton reported that MCTS hired two new safety specialists. Mr. Justin John, he will be the specialist for the simulator and Ms. Dolores Thomas will be working with the new entrant program.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Truck Driver's Guidebook should be available February 2019.

#### **Secretary of State (SOS)**

Ms. Rayne Sherman reported that effective February 19, 2019 the modernization of the SOS computer systems will take place, which will include the new International Registration Plan (IRP) account. The new system is called Customer and Automotive Records System (CARS) e-Services. This system is replacing the IRP Online system and eventually will replace the entire driver and vehicle system that the SOS operates. On February 1, 2019 notification will be sent regarding the new CARS system. In preparation for the CARS e-Services, the IRP online system will be unavailable beginning 8:00 a.m. EST on February 11, 2019. On February 19, 2019 the primary contact listed on your IRP account will receive an email containing an authorization code and instructions for accessing your new CARS e-Services IRP account. Please visit [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1631\\_8852-248628--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1631_8852-248628--,00.html) for frequently asked questions (FAQ) and other information related to Michigan IRP. The design of the cab card has changed with the new system.

You will have the ability to carry your electronic credentials. The SOS recommends that you save the image as a PDF on an electronic device. During a roadside inspection you will be able to show your credentials as a paper copy or an electronic image on a computer, tablet, or smart phone.

**Michigan Department of Treasury**

Mr. Seth Martin reported that the 2019 International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) renewal began November 1, 2018. Currently 78 percent of the licensees have renewed for the year and 70 new carriers have registered for their IFTA authority.

A ballot that is specific to tax jurisdictions and reporting the new quarterly tax rates will be on the ballot for voting at the end of January.

**Legislation Update**

- Weigh Stations
- Posting Bond
- Driver License Compact
- Out-Of-State Citations
- Truck Routes, Farm Shipments
- Implement Trailers

**New Business**

None to report.

**Future Meeting Topics**

- New system for SOS—March 21, 2019
- MCTS bringing the truck driving simulator—May 16, 2019

**Public Comment**

None to report.

**Old Business**

None to report.

**Presentation**

A presentation was given by Ms. Margo Heinonen and Ms. Cheryl Cornellier with the State of Michigan, Michigan Workers' Compensation Agency regarding worker's compensation insurance.

**Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019. The meeting will be held in the 1917 Conference Room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan 48821.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marci Kelley, Chair  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board