

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

January 19, 2017

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## **Members Present**

Brian Hitchcock  
Al DeMeestor  
Randy Whitaker  
Carol Heinowski  
Joe Ballor  
William Kotynski  
Don Beerens  
James Burg  
Paul Behmlander  
Don Lahring  
Joshua Rhodes  
Glen Merkel

## **Members Absent**

Nichole Gavriloski  
Sarah Stewart  
Karol Pawlos

## **MSP-CVED Staff Present**

Captain Krumm  
Inspector Coplin  
Nicholas Nwabueze  
Ron Howe  
Beth Schafer  
Marcie Kelley

## **Ex Officio Members Present**

Dawn VanAken  
Seth Martin  
Aarne Frobom  
John Wallace

## **Others in Attendance**

Amber Swarts  
Amy Havens  
Julie Thomas

## **Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The agenda for the January 19, 2017 meeting was approved. Motion by Mr. Paul Behmlander & seconded by Mr. Don Lahring. The meeting minutes from November 17, 2016, were approved with the change of date to the Michigan Department of Treasury's report from 2015 to 2014. Motioned by Mr. James Burg and seconded by Mr. William Kotynski.

## **Agency Reports**

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

John Wallace reported that the FMCSA has updated the Electronic Logging Device (EDL) guide rules.

FMCSA will also be updating the guidance rules on personal conveyance in the near future. Mr. Wallace related that this is something that will be discussed in the upcoming months. FMCSA will define personal conveyance, so that people who have ELD's will know the requirements.

Please see the frequently asked question link form more information regarding the EDL rules:

[https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/ELD\\_Rule\\_Frequently\\_Asked\\_Questions-508.pdf](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/ELD_Rule_Frequently_Asked_Questions-508.pdf)

The hours-of-service differ slightly for seasonal construction workers due to exemptions listed in PA 181 of 1963.

The Commercial Drivers License (CDL) drug & alcohol clearinghouse final rule has been published and has a three year implementation period that goes into effect on January 06, 2020. The clearinghouse is an electronic web based repository that contains all of the drug & alcohol program violations. This clearinghouse will also contain information whether the driver has successfully completed a mandatory return to duty drug & alcohol rehabilitation process. The clearinghouse requirements fall into two major categories:

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1. Reporting – Employers (motor carriers), consortiums, third party testing units & medical review officers are required to report the testing results to the drug & alcohol clearinghouse.
2. Query – Employers will be required to query the clearinghouse for covered drivers for two purposes.
  - a. Pre-employment – to ensure that prospective employees are eligible to drive. A full query is required for pre-employment.
  - b. Annual – to ensure a driver did not violate the drug & alcohol program for another employer.

State driver's license agencies will also be required to query the clearinghouse when a driver obtains, renews, upgrades or transfer's his/her CDL. See the frequently asked question link for more information regarding this:

[https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/CDL-D-A-Clearinghouse\\_FAQs-V05-1-508.pdf](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/CDL-D-A-Clearinghouse_FAQs-V05-1-508.pdf)

### **Michigan Department of Transportation**

Aarne Frobom reported that MDOT consolidated several projects on I-75 into two different construction seasons. Construction on southbound I-75 will start next month causing the highway to be completely closed from the western end of Detroit to Monroe in 2017. The northbound will be done in 2018, with the northbound lane shifted to the south bound side. Information is posted on the MDOT website.

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

Captain Krumm announced that in conjunction with the Indiana State Police and the Ohio State Patrol, motor carrier officers will participate in a public relations campaign on Truckers against Trafficking during January 23 – 27, 2017.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Motor Carrier Officer Recruit School graduated 13 new probationary officers on January 5, 2017. The MSP has received the approval to start another school on August 13, 2017.

### **Secretary of State**

Dawn VanAken reported SOS will be testing the PRISM system with-in the next few months. Dawn also reported the necessary changes should be up and running in time for renewals beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.

IRP programming issues - carriers or licensing agencies cannot process transfers on-line. It's recommended to e-mail or fax the information to SOS and they will process the request as soon as possible.

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

No one was here to present for the MCTS

### **Michigan Department of Treasury**

Seth Martin reported the Department of Treasury has issued over 4,500 IFTA licenses to carriers for 2017. This is 1,500 less than all of 2016

There is an IFTA ballot proposal from last year and will be voted on this year allowing carriers to place IFTA renewal decals on their vehicles two months prior to the New Year. Newly licensed carriers will be required to wait until January 1.

The new system will not allow a carrier to get a license if they owe money or they haven't filed their tax returns.

### **Legislation Update (Bills passed in 2016)**

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- Towing Disabled Trucks
- Compressed Natural Gas – gallon equivalent
- Misload Overweight Fines
- Auto Repair Regulations
- Forestry Trucks
- County Permits
- Speed-Limit Reform

There was also a bill passed repealing FMCSA regulations on government vehicles and their drivers.

### **Future Meeting Topics**

Members requested a presentation regarding the Michigan State Police CVIEW software used by motor carrier officers. Members would also like to hear from a representative from Canada regarding the Canadian transportation regulations.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am on Thursday March 30, 2017. The location will be in the Centennial conference room located at the MSP Headquarters, 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821.

Respectfully submitted,

Insp. Randy Coplin, Acting Chairman  
Motor Carrier Advisory Board