

MCAB Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 20, 2021

Zoom meeting

9:31 a.m.-10:36 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. Al DeMeestor
Mr. Bill Kotynski
Ms. Carol Heinowski
Mr. Don Lahring
Mr. Joe Ballor
Mr. James Burg
Mr. Joshua Rhodes
Mr. Michael Rushing
Mr. Paul Behmlander
Mr. Randy Whitaker
Mr. Robert Esler
Ms. Sarah Stewart

MSP-CVED Staff Present

Insp. Bradley Cushman
Lt. George Bracco
MC Spl/Sgt. Kevin Hogan
Mr. Abe Droste
Ms. Ashley Anderson
Ms. Beth Schafer
Ms. Chelsea Phillips
Ms. Jessica Kines

Others in Attendance

Mr. Arne Frobom
Mr. Chris Blundell
Ms. Dolores Thomas
Mr. John Wallace
Mr. Micky Blashfield
Mr. Seth Martin
Mr. Toby Archambaugh
Ms. Susan Sanderson

Members Absent

Mr. Brian Hitchcock
Mr. Glen Merkel
Ms. Nichole Gavriloski

Welcome

The MCAB meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Ms. Jessica Kines.

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

- The agenda and meeting minutes for the March 18, 2021, meeting were approved.

Agency Reports

Center for Truck Safety-Ms. Dolores Thomas:

- New marketing billboards are being placed along the major freeways.
- Employees will be returning to the office June 1, 2021.
- Currently reaching out via Zoom, phone, mailouts and Facebook live.

Secretary of State-Mr. Chris Blundell:

- On March 16, 2021, the new version of E-services went live.

Treasury-Mr. Seth Martin:

- There has been a 7% increase of licensed accounts from 2020.
- There has been a 44% increase of new IFTA accounts from 2020.

MDOT-Mr. Arne Frobom:

Nothing to report.

FMCSA-Mr. John Wallace:

- The final ruling for the Entry Level Driver Training for entry level drivers has been postponed until February 7, 2022.
- FMCSA HQ is aware of chip shortages for ELD's. As of March 18, 2021, there have been no exceptions nor waivers issued.
- Federal safety investigators have resumed conducting inspections at fixed scale facilities.

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CVED Update-Ins. Brad Cushman, Mr. Abe Droste and Ms. Ashley Andersen:

- The west bound Fowlerville Weigh Station demolition will begin mid-year 2021 with a completion date of December 2021. The bypass lanes will be installed in 2022.
- MSP-CVED is receiving bids to update all scale interiors for the facilities not being replaced with a completion date of December 2021.
- Statewide fatal crashes for the fiscal year of 2021 versus 2020 increased 13.5%.
- Statewide commercial vehicle involved fatal crashes have decreased by 24%.
- The percentage of commercial vehicle involved fatal crashes went from 9.9% for 2020 to 6.4% for 2021.
- MSP-CVED is planning to run a recruit school starting in February 2022 with 10 to 15 recruits.
- There have been 633 new motor carriers register for interstate authority over the past three months.

Mr. Abe Droste reported that for the 2021 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) year they have closed 133 UCR audits, in addition to, the 2020 UCR audits that are still being assigned. The 2020 UCR compliance rate is 87.5% and the 2021 UCR compliance rate is 81.4%.

Ms. Ashley Andersen reported that 1,830 applications have been closed/issued decals for the 2021 CVED renewals.

Legislative Updates-MDOT-Mr. Aarne Frohom:

- 400-O.W.I. Expungement Period
- 4219, 4220, and 4238-O.W.I. Expungement
- 4148-Motor Carrier Fuel Tax

New Business

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- September 16, 2021
- November 18, 2021

Trucking-related Bills in the 101st Michigan Legislature – 2021-2022

Prepared for the May 20th meeting of the Motor Carrier Advisory Board. As of May 19, 2021.
By Aarne Frobom, Michigan Department of Transportation (517) 335-2908, froboma@Michigan.gov This is not an official interpretation by the State of Michigan and accuracy is not guaranteed. For status of bills and actual language, see www.legislature.mi.gov/ and enter the bill number.

Passed means passed house of origin. *Enrolled* or *presented* means passed both houses. *P.A. Number* ___ means enacted into law.

Senate

400 O.W.I. EXPUNGEMENT PERIOD (McBroom) Extend to 7 years from 5 the time before a first OWI conviction may be expunged. Tie-barred to HBs 4219 and 4220. See HB 4238, SB 177. Reported to House.

House

4077 SELF-SERVE GAS STATIONS (LaFave+8) Amend NREPA to allow unattended self-service fuel pumps. Require notices, safety measures, and emergency shutoffs. Compare 100th HB 4792 vetoed on safety grounds.

4146 I.R.P. PLATES (LaGrand+2) Make it a civil infraction and not a \$100 misdemeanor to operate a truck without a valid IRP registration; preserve \$500 fine for elected-GVW violations. Tie-barred to HB 4153 (uniform fines). Part of decriminalization package. Hearing held.

4148 MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX (Fink+1) Make it a civil infraction and not a misdemeanor to violate the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act; limit fine to \$150 (plus tax assessments).

4178, 4179 H.O.V. LANES (Clemente+5) Clarify that the Department may restrict highway lanes to high-occupancy or any other classes of vehicles (such as trucks, buses, automated vehicles or others). (Enable HOV lanes on I-75 in Oakland County, when northernmost segments are complete, around August, 2023.)

4219, 4220, 4238 O.W.I. EXPUNGEMENT (Yancey+5) Allow application for (not automatic) expungement of public record of first conviction for operating while intoxicated (OWI) after 5 years, except for causing injury or death or in commercial vehicles. Records persist in driving record and CDLIS. Compare SB 400. Same as SB 177.

4697 ONE-STOP OVERSIZE PERMITS (Maddock) MDOT may (not *must*) issue permits for movement of mobile homes and other oversize loads for roads under all jurisdictions.

Require permit applications to be electronic. Permits to be “deemed issued” if MDOT does not process the application in 2 business days (5 days for annual permits); require web site showing application status. Local agencies to inform MDOT of permit fees. MDOT to collect and distribute fees to all jurisdictions, and may add administrative and payment-processing fees that cover costs.