



MINUTES
Indiana State School Bus Committee
September 14, 2021

The Indiana State School Bus Committee met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 held online through MS Teams with the following members in attendance:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Mentzel – Chairman
Ron Chew – Ind. Assoc. of School Bus Drivers
Dr. James Hanna – Pub. Sch. Superintendent
Dwayne Vandiver – Sch. Trans. Assoc. of Ind.
Randall Boone – Ind. Dept. of Revenue
Dr. Joseph O’Neil – Governor’s Council on
Impaired & Dangerous Drivers
Melissa Lechner – BMV
Todd Malone – Indiana School for the Deaf &
Indiana School for the Blind

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. Chris Kath – ISP
Kelly Moore – Ind. Assoc. of Sch. Bus
Dist.
Julia Goon – Ind. Twnshp. Assoc.
Todd Edwards – Ind. Trans. Assoc.
Loren Evans – IASBO

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terry Butler – Ind. School Boards Assoc

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMITTEE SECRETARY PRESENT:

Lisa Callihan – Office of School Transportation

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PRESENT:**

Mike LaRocco – Office of School
Transportation

The meeting was presided by Chairman, Michael Mentzel. The committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of voting members was present for voting purposes.

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Guests that were present: Kevin Feldman-Midwest Transit
Ricky Stanley-Thomas Bus
Jeff Monesmith-MacAllister
Matt Matthews-Blue Bird

Approval of Minutes

Dwayne Vandiver made a motion to approve the June 1, 2021, minutes with Dr. Hanna seconding the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

ITEMS OF ACTION

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Lift wheelchair curtain report

Mike did not reach out to Gary Clevenger at Carmel Clay Schools for the report. He will do that for the next meeting.

Red side mounted turn signals – Chris Kath

Sgt. Chris Kath has contacted FMVSS for further clarification on this matter. This will be put on the agenda for the December 2021 meeting.

Freedman Seating

- • Social Distancing Seat Bands
- • Social Distancing Seat Triangles
- • Seat Mounted Sneeze Guards
- • SeatLink Seat Information Tracking System
- • Family and Family 3PTA model seats

The seat mounted sneeze guards have already been denied by the committee and the Family and Family 3PTA model seats are already allowed by FMVSS. Freedman Seating will have to appeal to the committee to allow for the social distancing seat bands, social distancing seat triangles, and SeatLink seat information tracking system.

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Roof Mounted Solar Panels

The committee is still looking for guidance from the OEMs on this issue.

Catalytic converter anti-theft cages

There will be sample language and assistance from the legal department for the December 2021 meeting.

Extra tiedown requirements for heavy wheelchairs

There will be possible language at the December 2021 meeting.

Rosco Vision

LED safety enhancement for the EyeMax LP® and ML-HD® cross-view mirror systems meet FMVSS standards.

Gardian Angel Lighting System

The committee has decided to leave their decision as is on this topic.

Correspondence

Yellow card revocations.

There were 21 yellow card revocations.

Next meeting date: December 7, 2021 at the Indiana State Police Commercial Motor Vehicle Division.

Adjourn

Chairman, Michael Mentzel adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date