



## ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes February 26-27, 2015, Meeting

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee (ELDTAC) met February 26 - 27, 2015, in Arlington, VA. In accordance the Negotiated Rulemaking Act, 5 U.S.C. §561-570, the meeting was open to the public. Richard Parker, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015. The following individuals attended the meeting:

#### ELDTAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LaMont Byrd, Director of Health and Safety,  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
Martin Garsee, Immediate Past President  
National Association of Publicly Funded Truck  
Driving School  
Scott Grenerth, Director, Regulatory Affairs,  
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association  
David Heller, Director, Safety and Policy  
Truckload Carriers Association  
Charles F. Hood, Executive Director, National  
Association of State Directors of Pupil  
Transportation Services  
Peter Kurdock, Director, Regulatory Affairs,  
Advocates for Highway & Auto Safety  
John Lannen, Executive Director, Truck Safety  
Coalition  
Kevin R. Lewis, Director, Driver Programs,  
American Association of Motor Vehicle  
Administration  
Larry Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy  
and DFO, Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
Administration  
David M. Money, Chairman, Board of Directors,  
Professional Truck Driver Institute  
David Parker, Senior Legal Counsel, Great West  
Casualty Company  
Ken Presley, Vice President, Industry  
Operations, Chief Operating Officer, United  
Motorcoach Association  
Bob Ramsdell, Chief Operating Officer, West  
Durham School Services, National School  
Transportation Association  
Margaret Rohanna, School Bus Program  
Manager, Massachusetts Registry Motor  
Vehicles, MADOT

Lauren Samet, Assistant Director,  
Paraprofessionals School-Related Personnel,  
American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO  
Alan Smith, Director, Safety and Security,  
Greyhound Lines Inc.  
Carl Spatocco, Regional Vice-President,  
Educational Affiliates Commercial Vehicle  
Training Association  
Bryan Spoon, Owner-Operator, Spoon Trucking  
Louis D. Spoonhour, Senior Advisor for CDL  
Programs, Stevens Transport  
Boyd A. Stephenson, Director, Hazardous  
Materials and Commercial Licensing Policy, ATA  
Robert J. Tershak, Master Trooper, Virginia State  
Police, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance  
Ellen Voie, President and CEO, Women In  
Trucking Association  
Ed Watt, Director, Special Projects,  
Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL-CIO  
Rod Wood, Washington, DC, Volunteer  
Coordinator, Citizens for Reliable and Safe  
Highways

#### FMCSA AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES

Olu Ajayi, Statistician, FMCSA  
Richard Clemente, Transportation Specialist,  
Driver and Carrier Operations Division,  
FMCSA  
Brian Dahlin, Chief Economist, FMCSA  
Charles Fromm, Deputy Chief Counsel, FMCSA  
Jill Laptosky, Attorney Advisor, FMCSA  
Kurt Larson, FMCSA  
Suzanne O'Malley, Attorney, FMCSA  
Cynthia Shaffer, USDOT, Volpe Center



## ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Steve Smith, Ph.D., Director, Office of Analysis,  
Research & Technology, FMCSA  
Alan Strasser, Attorney, FMCSA  
Shannon Watson, Senior Policy Advisor and  
Deputy DFO, FMCSA

### OTHER ATTENDEES

Shannon Allard, National Motor Freight Traffic  
Association  
Cindy Atwood, CVTA  
Ryan Bowley, OODIA  
Brandon Buchanan, ABA  
Stephen Cantini, PA DOT  
Richard Cofer, Southern Company & EEI  
Rebecca Crapo, CVTA  
Chris Crean, Peter Pan Bus Lines  
Todd Dills, Overdrive Magazine  
John Frey, Werner Enterprises  
Mirna Gustav, iBiz  
Jami Jones, Landline Magazine  
Michele McDermott, NSTA  
E.Lynette McMillian, Greyhound Lines, INC  
Eric Miller, Transport Topics

Elizabeth Nadeau, International Union of  
Operating Engineers  
David Owen, NASTC  
Richard Parker, University of Connecticut  
Bob Petrancosta, FedEx  
Joe Rajkovic, CA Construction Trucking  
Association  
Jonathan Reiskin, Transport Topics  
Steve Rosenstock, Edison Electric Institute  
Chris Treml, IUOE  
Bryan Vickers, Pace, LLP  
Ronna Weber, National School Transportation  
Association  
Rich Wilson, TCRG Chuck Wirth, NAAND  
Andrea Wohleber, TTD AFL-CIO

### COMMITTEE ACTION

The ELDT Advisory Committee discussed and approved a motion unanimously to adopt committee rules and procedures. For the purposes of the ELDTAC, members defined consensus as no more than 3 negative votes. Abstention shall not be construed as a negative vote. All agreements reached during the negotiations are tentative and may be made by the members present at the meeting or their Alternates who attend a meeting in their stead until the Committee reaches an agreement that is binding on the parties. Any dissenting views will be included in the final Written Statement to the Administrator in terms agreeable to the dissenting party.

The following four Work Groups were established:

- Core Curriculum
- Curriculum – Passenger Endorsement
- Curriculum – School Bus
- Certification/Accreditation/Accountability
- Implementation/Enforcement
- Cost-benefit Analysis/Data Needs

The committee discussed the definition of Entry Level Driver, and agreed to finalize the definition at the next meeting in March.



## ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Richard Clemente, Transportation Specialist, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, FMCSA and Charles Fromm, Deputy Chief Counsel, FMCSA presented ELDT- A Historical Perspective
2. Stephen Smith., Ph.D., Director, Office of Analysis, Research, and Technology, FMCSA, and Brian Dahlin, Chief Economist, FMCSA presented FMCSA Data Gathering and Economic Analysis on ELDT

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

[NOTE: Comments were heard throughout the meeting from those in the public gallery. The comments below were made during the comment period at the end of each meeting day.]

#### **Joe Rajkovacz, CA Construction Trucking Association**

Mr. Rajkovacz pointed out under analytical data needs, that the need for data to establish the connection between training cost and safety benefits should be the priority. Mr. Rajkovacz stated that everybody has preconceived notions on what they would like to see out of this process but in the end it should be data driven, and if the data do not support the outcome it will be useless.

#### **Steve Rosenstock, Edison Electric Institute**

Mr. Rosenstock wanted to thank Mr. Parker for allowing public input during the process, as he believes that there are many interested stakeholders that can provide useful information to the committee. He offered to help obtain information that would be useful to the committee and subcommittees.

#### **Elizabeth Nadeau, Attorney, International Union of Operating Engineers**

Ms. Nadeau wanted to mention to the committee that they should consider the different types of specialized equipment that are being operated and some of the restraints that might fall upon the ability to do the type of training, particularly behind the wheel (BHW) training. Ms. Nadeau stated that is just one example of the many differences between the operating of specialized equipment in the construction industry vs. truck/busses. When subcommittees are discussed they will present more of a case as to why they need to be separately studied through a subcommittee.

### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on Friday, February 27, 2015.

We hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are accurate, to the best of our knowledge.

\_\_//signed//\_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Parker  
Facilitator

\_\_//signed//\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry W. Minor  
Designated Federal Officer, FMCSA