



Transportation Safety Board

Meeting Minutes

011/10/05

DMV, Richmond, Virginia

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Room 702

Acting Chair: Dee Bowles **Recording Secretary:** Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Dee Bowles, Bruce Wingo, Paulette Benson, Allen Muchnick, Charles Rosemond, Walter Yeatts, Melvin Robertson, Rebecca Martin, Judy Suddith, Tom McGrath, Selden Rhodes

Board Members Absent: Charles Quillin

DMV Staff: D.B. Smit, David Mitchell, James Bradford, John Saunders, David Mosley, Kathy Abesicher, Angelisa Jennings, Audrey Odum

Special Guest: Dr. Beth Baker, Kristen Allen & Vince Burgess

Acting Chair Dee Bowles called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Acting Chair Dee Bowles recognized new Board members and staff and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Commissioner D.B. Smit gave welcoming remarks. Commissioner Smit talked about DMV, its new vision and mission and discussed the importance of transportation safety. Commissioner Smit also advised the Board on various staff changes within the transportation administration (TSS). Prior Secretary to the Board, Vince Burgess accepted a position with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Deputy Commissioner David Mitchell will assume the role as Secretary to the Board and also Virginia's Highway Safety Coordinator.

Deputy Commissioner David Mitchell emphasized the importance of TSS and talked briefly about future goals for the administration.

Acting Chair Dee Bowles asked Secretary David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Board Business

Chair Dee Bowles requested the Board review for approval, minutes from the August 2005 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

Acting Chair Dee Bowles asked James Bradford to give overview of past action statements. Staff members addressed the following items:

David Mosley furnished Board with draft of the enforcement activity report for their review and approval on information captured. Board agreed on report layout.

Action: Furnish Board FY05 enforcement activity report at the January 06 meeting.

Kathy Abeischer furnished charts covering:

- Breakdown of state agencies showing funds received.
- Breakdown of funding categories. (i.e., 402, 157, etc.)(alcohol, OP, etc.)
- Breakdown of DMV Districts.

James Bradford advised the Board that as requested several grantees were present to give overviews of their grant funded projects and other grantees would be invited to future Board meetings to present on their projects.

New Business

Angelisa Jennings gave an update on current crash facts data.

Action: Board requested staff to look at data to determine if there may be any trends between high school, college and university students.

Kathy Abeischer presented an updated financial report and briefly discussed FY05 closeout and rollover funds.

David Mosley presented and explained two new grant submissions and asked Board to review for approval:

- Statewide Bicycle Accommodations Map
Approved – Map must be completed by end of FY06 grant cycle.
- Centralized Accident Processing System/Highway Traffic Information System
Approved - Budget page modification on hourly rate to state “cost package” for benefits, salary, etc.

Acting Chair Dee Bowles mentioned to Board that former Chair Paul Henegar was not reappointed and therefore asked Walter Yeatts, Melvin Robertson and Allen Muchnick to serve on a nominating committee, with Walter serving as Chair of the committee. The committee was charged with bringing forth a slate of officers for Chair and Vice-Chair at the January meeting. All Board members were advised that if they had an interest in one of these two positions, to contact one of the committee members.

Acting Chair Dee Bowles ask for a motion to request staff to prepare resolutions for past Board members and Vince Burgess, former Secretary to Board. Motion made and Board approved.

Action: Staff to prepare resolutions and invite former Board members and Vince Burgess to January Board meeting for presentation.

Board also recommended that Vince Burgess and staff coordinator(s) for the National Governor's Highway Safety Conference that was held in August 2005 be recognized at the Annual Conference on Transportation Safety, tentatively scheduled for May 2006.

David Mitchell gave a brief update on the Governor's Transportation Safety Awards program. Nomination forms will be ready for distribution and placed on DMV's website December 1, 2005.

David Mitchell recognized guest speakers:

Dr. Beth Baker gave an overview on the Mid-Atlantic Region and discussed:

- Seatbelt usage and the importance for all states to keep focused on this issue.
- Monies that could be received if a primary seatbelt law was passed and/or if seatbelt usage rates increased to 85% for two consecutive years.
- "Checkpoint Strickforce Campaign" and the importance of such programs that keeps the public informed.

Other challenges throughout the Region:

- Youth trends are going up.
- Underage Drinking and Driving
- Motorcycle Fatalities

Kurt Erickerson gave overview on the "Checkpoint Strickforce Campaign" and it's success.

Dr. Rudy Wilson gave an overview of their "Young Drivers' Safety – A Case Study" project.

Action: Board requested that Norfolk State be invite back at end of FY06 to present on conclusions of study.

Board member Charles Rosemond discussed the possibility of the Board taking a position on the primary safety belt law.

Action: Review data and documentation from other states within the Region that have a primary safety belt law. Request staff to work with NHTSA to obtain information.

New Business from Floor

No new business from floor.

Public Comment

None

Tentative Dates of Future Meetings

January 2006
General Assembly
Richmond, VA

May 2006 (Tentative - May 6,7,8)
ACTS Conference
Bristol District