

## **Minutes of the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council**

**Meeting held on September 3, 2025**

**Arizona Peace Officer Standards Training, Board Room**

**2643 E. University, Phoenix, Arizona 85034-6914**

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairperson Franklin called the meeting to order at 10:00am MST. and welcomed the other Council members, the public in attendance and virtually.
2. **Roll Call** – The following Council members were present Nicholas Franklin (Chairman), Trace Tolby (Co-Chair), Jason Nelson, Nicholas Lloyd, Captain Vernon Havens, Denise Hall, Tom Hartman, Kela Powers. The following Council members were present virtually Ashley Berg, Chuck Essigs and Sean Ross.
3. **Members of the public**- Cathy Erwin, Bert Herzog, David Jacobson, Rebecca Beebe, Hilma Gustafson, Eddie Wheeler.
4. **Attendees Virtually**- Akira Kenshin1, Alyssa McKee, Angeline Raab, Anne Denny, Anthony Ledesma, Ariana Lopez, Ashley Berg, Brissa Quevedo, Bryan Slaughter, Carmen Kaiser, Carol Badoni, Carol Todecheene, Dale Wyman, Danny James, Darrin Anderson, David Dillman, David Thiele, Dawn, Deann Chavez, Debbie Hurt, Debra Murillo, Donald Gibson, Doris Bean, Ella Mike, Eric Kissel, Ian Holladay, Ilene Willie, Jack Taylor, James Elia, James Wiltbank, Jeanne Vandemark, Jeff Kingsley, Jennifer Archibald, Jerrald Goodman, Jerry Goodman, Joey Begay, John DeGraff III, Johnny Williams, Joseph Crews, Josephine Berlyn, Lacey Elefant, Lance L, Laura Becker, Laverne Juan, Leticia Valenzuela, Lisa Pauli-Lake, Maria Rocha, MaryJo Landreth, Mashayla D Kleinman, Meagan Scott, Michael Fiesler, Michele Parmley, Monica Cruz, Nancy Jacobsen, Nicole Fisher, Nida, Patrick Fleming, Polo Montijo, POST AV Service, POST AV Service's Presentation, Robert Gray, Ronald Schepers, Ronald Snow Jr., Sabrina Murrell, Sadina Osegueda, Salvador Rincon, Sandie Sedillo, Santos Greer, Sergio Pulido, Sherry Wallace, Tommy Elliott, Vanessa Morales, Veronica Martinez, Virginia Castrellon, Vivian Poulette, Warren Berdahl, William Olivas

5. **Review of 925 regulations-** Sgt. William Lunt provided an update on the current 925 regulations. We have submitted the Emergency Rule Re-write to the Attorney General's office and are waiting on a response. Once the Attorney General's Office approves the regulations, they will be valid for 180 days. The Attorney General's Office has 60 days to respond and as of today, we have not received a response. We did receive a previous opinion on processing 925 new driver applications and have resumed processing these. The 925 new driver applications that the department had on hold previously have been processed and those drivers are certified.
6. Sergeant William Lunt provided a brief overview of what a Type A school bus is and how they fall into the 925 vehicles. He also stated the 925 driver qualifications.
7. Captain Vern Havens asked for clarification on the Federally Regulated 5 Panel Drug Screen and how this affects 925 drivers.
8. Co-Chair Trace Tolby provided a brief overview of Hours of Service. Three documents were provided to the committee and members of the public. These documents included a coversheet explaining hours of service, the previous Substantive Policy and a Flow Chart.
9. Kimberly Thomas was able to scan and show these documents to the virtual attendees.
10. **Members of the Public requested to speak-** Bert Herzog from Tolleson Union, Patrick Fleming from Flagstaff Unified, and Carol Todecheene from Northern Arizona requested to regarding Hours of Service.
11. Chairman Nicholas Franklin mentioned the Hours of Service is a concern for several people and we will need to take a deep dive into this.
12. Chairman Nicholas Franklin spoke about the Study Groups and how to submit applications for consideration. We will need to get clarification from the Assistant Attorney General on how to form and get these study groups moving.
13. Chairman Nicholas Franklin asked if anyone had recommendations for future topics or comments. Captain Vernon Havens recommended we ask the Assistant Attorney General Eric Cooper for a presentation on how to form a Study Group.

14. **Schedule future meeting-** Chairman Nicholas Franklin recommended October 8<sup>th</sup> for the next STAC meeting. Several members would not be able to participate as they would either be on vacation or have fall break during that time. October 15<sup>th</sup> was recommended and scheduled for 10am.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05AM MST.

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