

**Minutes of the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council**  
**Meeting held on April 20, 2026**  
**Microsoft TEAMS Virtual Meeting**

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairperson Franklin called the meeting to order at 10:00am MST and welcomed the Council members and the public who were all in attendance virtually.
2. **Roll Call** – The following Council members were present, Nicholas Franklin (Chairman), Trace Tolby (Co-Chair), Jason Nelson, Tom Hartman, Denice Hall, Captain Vern Havens, Kela Powers, Nicholas Lloyd.
3. **Attendees** – 44 attendees online
4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2026** – Co-Chair, Trace Tolby made the motion, and Captain Vern Havens seconded the motion to approve. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
5. **Updates and presentations from working groups-** Tom Hartman with School bus chassis proposed two changes. Additional documentation was requested which he will share at the next meeting.
6. **Request for public comment-** No one requested to speak.
7. **Schedule future meeting-** Chairman Nicholas Franklin stated our next meeting is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
8. **Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 MST.**

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