

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (STAC) MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2026, 10:00 am (MST)

Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board
2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85034

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EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

The Council may enter Executive Session at Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, 2643 E. University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85034 for discussion of any item listed on the agenda,

as authorized by A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A). This session may be held to discuss records, information, or testimony that is confidential or exempt from public disclosure by law.

THE STAC WILL CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND MAY MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Student Transportation Advisory Council Members

Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Transportation Administrator's Member, Chair
Mr. Trace Tolby, School District Member with Student Count greater than 3,000 Co-Chair
AZDPS Captain Vern Havens, Department of Public Safety Member
Ms. Ashley Berg, State Board for Charter School Member
Mr. Thomas Hartman, Electric Vehicle Expert
Ms. Kela Powers, Charter School Member with Student Count Greater than 600
Mr. Jason Nelson, Public Member
Mr. Nicholas Lloyd, School Bus Driver Member
Ms. Denice Hall, School District Member
Mr. Chuck Essigs, Public Member
Mr. Sean Ross, State Board of Education Member

GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Chair

B. Pledge of allegiance

C. Welcome and Roll Call of Council Members (In-Person, telephonically, or by other electronic means)

Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair

D. Approval of minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting

Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair

E. Discussion regarding rulemaking

1. 15-925 – Paul Swietek
2. DPS decision on 5 Panel Drug Screens- Sgt. Will Lunt
3. DPS update for adding bus assistants to Minimum Standards

F. Working Group updates

1. Special Needs-Denice Hall
2. Driver Requirements- Trace Tolby
3. School Bus Chassis, Alt Fuel, Electric Bus- Tom Hartman
4. Training and Instruction- Jason Nelson
5. School Bus Operations and Hours of Service- Nick Franklin
6. 15-925 11-14 Passenger Bus- Jason Nelson

7. Emerging Technologies-Nick Franklin

G. Call to Public / Public Statements regarding matters listed on the agenda –For those wishing to address the Council, the Board may limit the speaker(s) to five minutes on any one agenda item. The Commission will take no discussion or action. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on the future Commission meeting agenda.

H. New Business

Mr. Nicholas Franklin, Chair

1. Discussion of future topics for consideration
2. Virtual meeting April 20, 2026, 10am
3. Next hybrid meeting May 13, 2026, at 10am

I. Adjournment

The agenda may be revised, and additional items may be added before the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted before the meeting. Council agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. The Commission may go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). Members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.