

Minutes of the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council
Meeting held on July 8, 2026
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. **Pledge of Allegiance was performed**
3. **Roll Call** – The following Council members were present Nicholas Franklin (Chairman), Trace Tolby (Co-Chair), Jason Nelson and Captain Weston White. (Appearing Virtually) Kela Powers, Sean Ross, Ashley Berg, Nicholas Lloyd
4. **Members of the public-** Three in attendance
5. **Attendees appearing virtually-** Adam Evans, Alex Mada, Alyssa Ashley, Amanda Patrie, April tucker, Ariana Lopez, Ashley Berg, Bert Herzog, Bryan, Bryan Slaughter, Candice Rivera, Charlene Barbarisi, Christian Miranda, Christina Allen, CLINTON LARD, Cori Radford, Dale Wyman, David Jacobson, Doug Holland, Dustin Hastings, Eric Kissel, Felicia Francis, Fireflies.ai Notetaker Chuck Essigs, JeffKingsley, JESSICA ROBERTS, John DeGraffill, Jordan Tower, Justin Bonilla, Justin Glover, Katherine Martin, Kela Powers, Laura Becker, Leticia Valenzuela, Maria Rocha, MaryJo Landreth, Mashayla Kleinman, Moray Rodriguez, Nicholas Lloyd, Patricia Frasure, Paul Martin, Richard Garmon, Ronald Schepers, Sadina Osegueda, Salvador Morales, Sammy Terrazas, Sean Ross, Sherry, Sonia S Salazar, sparkles, Thomas Sims, Virginia Lopez, Wendy Fleming, William Bailey, William Olivas
6. Chair Nick Franklin welcomed Captain Weston White from the Arizona Department of Public Safety as the council's new member, replacing Captain Vern Havens.
7. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 2026** – Co-Chair, Trace Tolby made the motion, and Jason Nelson seconded the motion to approve. All members were in favor and the motion passed.
8. **Updates from Each Study Group-** Chair Nick Franklin provided an update on hours of service. The wrong PowerPoint was submitted but will be presented at the next meeting. Jason Nelson provided an update on 15-925 by viewing PowerPoint with proposed changes.

9. **Request for public comment-** Norma Frye from Amphi spoke on hours of service, training to include PPT and Behind the Wheel. Brent Benjamin spoke on why the 9-panel drug screen should not be removed from Arizona Minimum Standards and Andrew Miller spoke on hours of service.
10. Ashley Berg asked that PowerPoint presentations and any future meeting materials be sent to the council beforehand so members and the public can review them in advance.
11. **Schedule future meeting-** Chairman Nicholas Franklin stated the next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2026, at 10:00am.
12. **Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm MST.**

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