

Minutes of the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council
July 27, at 10:00am
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), Tom Hartman, Denice Hall, Ashely Berg, Kela Powers, Nicholas Lloyd and Jason Nelson
3. **Attendees** – 51 attendees online
4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated July 8, 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.
5. **Request for Public Comment-** Brent Benjamin who owns a mobile drug and alcohol testing facility provided a brief presentation on how we should replace Propoxyphene and PCP with Fentanyl and Opioids. Norma Frye also spoke on Hours of Service and how Arizona Minimum Standards already have a 34-hour reset.
1. **Updates and presentations from working groups-** Tom Hartman suggested an 8-year tire age limit for Arizona Buses, excluding type A and 15-925. Trace Tolby discussed weight distribution issues with the drag dummy. Denice Hall announced the special needs group will meet August 6th to finalize rule amendments. Chair Nick Franklin gave a presentation on hours of service, referencing California law. Jason Nelson reported that the 15-925 group is focusing on driver training for 925 bus drivers and may present proposals at the August 12th STAC meeting.
6. **Schedule future meeting-** Chairman Nicholas Franklin stated our next meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 10:00am and will be hybrid.
7. **Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 MST.**

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