

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (STAC) MEETING AGENDA

August 24, 2026, 10:00 (MST)

Microsoft TEAMS meeting (Virtual Only)

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Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Student Transportation Advisory Council (STAC) is committed to ensuring that all its meetings are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Ms. Kimberly Thomas at (602) 223-2649. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

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### OPTIONS TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

Participants may access the meeting through one of the following methods:

- **Online Registration –**

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Meeting ID: 224 148 415 800 591

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The Council allows time for public to comment on any item 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. Council members may not discuss items that are not explicitly identified on the agenda.

Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken because of public comment will be limited to directing Council staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision later.

Members of the public who wish to comment on an item on this agenda may do so by emailing STAC staff at [STAC@azdps.gov](mailto:STAC@azdps.gov) or by visiting <https://www.azdps.gov/stac-applications> to submit a written public comment form. Requests to speak and written comment must be received prior to the start of the meeting. **(This is only required for hybrid meetings)**

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE**

The Council may enter Executive Session 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.

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### **THE STAC COUNCIL 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 Weston White, 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

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## **GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**  
Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair
- B. Welcome and Roll Call of Council Members**  
Mr. Nicolas Franklin, Chair
- C. Approval of meeting minutes**
  - 1. August 12, 2026, meeting.
- D. Hours of Service Proposal, discussion and voting**  
Mr. Nick Franklin, Chair
- E. Driver Requirement Proposals, discussion and voting**  
Mr. Trace Tolby, Co-Chair

**F. Department approved driver training and instructor guide**

Guidance from Assistant Attorney General- Jordan Towers

**G. Follow-up on Training and Instructor requirement proposals**

Jason Nelson

**H. 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.

**I. Review of upcoming proposals and discussion from each working group**

1. Special Needs-Denise 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

**J. Review and discussion of remaining Minium Standards sections and working group organization.**

Jason Nelson

**K. Future agenda items and discussion**

1. Next meeting is scheduled for September 2, at 10am. (Hybrid)

**L. 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). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.*