

CARSAB MINUTES

October 26, 2023

Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board Meeting, October 26, 2023 Held Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Board Members Present

Edward M. Smith, Chair
Albert Belmont
William Gehlhaus
Debra Henderson
Geoff Rogers
Len Turtora

Board Members Absent

Lawrence Cohen
Steven Hildner

DCA Staff Present

Carrie Battista, Bureau of State and Local Code Inspections
Marie Daniels, Code Development Unit
John Delesandro, Bureau Chief, Bureau of State and Local Code Inspections
Patrick Gallagher, Supervisor, Carnival-Amusement Ride Safety Unit
Ian Rayfield, Code Development Unit
Ashraf Tahoun, Carnival-Amusement Ride Safety Unit
Rosallyn Thrower, Bureau of State and Local Code Inspections

Guests

Edward McGlynn
Lary Zucker, NJAA

A. Mr. Edward Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Roll call was performed.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Edward Smith introduced the Board to Mr. John Delesandro, recently promoted Chief of the Bureau of State and Local Code Inspections.

B. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2023

Mr. Albert Belmont made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. William Gehlhaus to approve the minutes without change. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Old Business.

1. Boilers and Pressure Vessels – DOL inspections

- No further updates at this time from the conversation that occurred in the February meeting. Mr. William Gehlhaus told the Board that DOL inspected a soda fountain; however, there were no ride problems and no bill for inspection.

2. Incident Reporting - Interpretation clarification as it pertains to a “critical component”

a. Revised incident reporting form

- Mr. Patrick Gallagher informed the Board that changes will be made to the incident reporting form. The revised form to include a brief statement on actions taken to reopen ride and detail the malfunction and repair within the report. Additionally, the form will direct ride operators/owners to notify the Department of the issue within 24 hours. Mr. Albert Belmont requested that the revised form be sent to members.

b. Injury definition

- This item is tabled for discussion with possible draft language submitted in future CARSAB meetings. Serious injury definition could run afoul of HIPPA as that information is private unless provided by the injured party. Additionally, Mr. Patrick Gallagher stated that this issue can be handled with owners via one-on-one conversations, to which Ms. Debra Henderson agreed.

3. Ride Relocation – Engineer’s letter

- Mr. Ashraf Tahoun informed the Board of a new engineer’s evaluation letter that is required before inspections of relocated rides. The Department maintains that this merely changes details and not procedure and provides the Department with advance notice of a properly completed ride relocation before inspectors are on-site.

4. C.P. Huntington Train and Similar Rides Directive Update

- Mr. Patrick Gallagher informed the Board the initial directive has the train come to a complete stop, while the alternative plan has language covering the train not coming to a complete stop if area is clear of traffic. Alternatives to the directive will be reviewed on a case-by-case status. Mr. Albert Belmont stated the trains should ring bell and blow whistle procedurally every time.

D. New Business

1. Ride Safety Unit

- Successful season as far as reviews.

Staffing - Four engineers

- Replacement of Southern region supervisor

- One retirement and one temporary hire in the Northern region

E. Information

1. Ride Statistics

- Mr. Albert Belmont requested that accident information be broken down by

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location and other additional information to ensure accurate analysis of accidents. Mr. Patrick Gallagher informed the Board that this is not possible with the current system; however, the Ride Safety Unit is in line for a new system and anticipates that this will occur soon.

2. Additional information

- Mr. Edward McGlynn stated that appointments are out-of-date for every member of the Board and requests Mr. Ed Smith to contact the Department Commissioner to begin the process of reappointment.

- Mr. William Gehlhaus noted to the Board that Mr. Mike Triplett passed this year. Ms. Debra Henderson requested access to Mr. Triplett's training material for continued use. Mr. Lary Zucker stated that he still has access to the material.

F. Public Comment

1. Mr. Lary Zucker requested a review of the totality of the current regulations and statutes to ensure currency and applicability to the standards held in the State. Mr. Zucker recommended an informal working group meeting to complete this action. Mr. Geoff Rogers agreed and stated that the Department should look into the ATSM regulations as they have changed significantly.

G. Adjournment

Mr. Albert Belmont made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Debra Henderson, to adjourn the meeting; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

H. Next Scheduled Meeting

February 2024.