

NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

Minutes by Board Secretary John G. Donnelly of actions taken at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Board held at Floor 8E, Motor Vehicle Commission Headquarters, 225 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Present:

Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman
Steve Scaturro, Vice-Chairman
Scott Kisch, Public Board Member
Walter Orcutt, Public Board Member (by speakerphone)
Miriam Weeks, Transportation Commissioner Designee
Gary Poedubicky, Attorney General Designee
James Fruscione, State Treasurer Designee (by speakerphone)

Governor's Authorities Unit Assistant Counsel Lisa LeBoeuf and Deputy Attorney General Philip Espinosa participated by speakerphone.

Chairman Raymond P. Martinez convened the Open Session at 2:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval. Vice-Chairman Scaturro moved to accept the proposed agenda, Director Weeks seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman then presented this report of key Commission activities since the June 11, 2015 Board Meeting:

Good afternoon, everyone. As you can all tell the weather is certainly a lot different than when we last met in August, which means the fall is here. And when I think of the autumn season, I think of two things, the changing of the leaves... and football. And today I am going to talk about some of the changes taking place at the MVC, as well as how one of our most important initiatives is making its way onto the field.

CDLIS UPDATE

Many states were scrambling through the end of September to bring their CDLIS processes into compliance with federal law. Well, I am proud to say that CDLIS 5.3.2 continues to move forward. Overall, the project is at 84% completion and 3 additional tasks were added to the project plan, which requires User Acceptance Testing (UAT). The Office of Information Technology (OIT) development is 100%. Our structure test commenced just last week and the external agency staff training has been completed. We also continue our outreach efforts to the commercial driving industry. Though this process has been very involved and not without its hurdles, these new changes will be

implemented to make sure that those behind the wheel of a commercial vehicle are fully-qualified, prepared, and medically fit to operate on our roadways.

EATONTOWN RIBBON CUTTING

It's also important that from time to time, we evaluate ourselves to make sure that we are in compliance with our customers' expectations of service. In just a few weeks, we will be cutting the ribbon of our newly renovated Eatontown site. Recently:

- We have demolished the old road test field house and built a new road test field house
- We have put on a new roof, exterior siding and windows
- Our rest rooms were completely renovated
- We have improved technology including all new voice and data wiring, and a new security system
- And most importantly, the agency was laid out to better meet the needs of our customers

JUSTDRIVE.COM

We are also taking our important message about the dangers of talking and texting while driving to the public this fall. We have partnered with the NY Giants, the NY Jets, as well as Rutgers University to promote JUSTDRIVE.com. Since the launch of this website and the increase in penalties in July 2014, there has been a 32% reduction in violations. It is evident that this messaging campaign works.

AAMVA MID-ATLANTA

And to make sure we stay on top of what is going on in the motor vehicle industry outside of New Jersey, I, along with Deputy Chief Jeanne Ashmore, and Deputy Administrator of Operations Selika Gore, will be attending the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Regional AAMVA Administrators Meeting on October 14th and 15th in Alexandria, Virginia. This meeting will consist of AAMVA Motor Vehicle Administrators from Washington, D.C., Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and, of course, New Jersey. We will be discussing recent accomplishments and planned initiatives from each jurisdiction to make sure states are doing all we can to service our customers more efficiently and conveniently.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

I would like to commend all Commission employees for the work they do, and relate to members of the press and the public an example of the value of that work. The example involves drivers licenses; approximately 1.5 million drivers license pictures are taken securely by MVC each year. During the eight years that each person's drivers license picture is valid, the MVC is taking as many as 14 million drivers license pictures securely. Regarding recent press reports, many customers during the eight years that their picture is valid, encounter cancer and other serious issues, and when they return for the statutorily required new drivers license picture, Commission staff provide the compassion and excellent customer service for which MVC has become known.

Minutes: **August 11, 2015.** This item is to fulfill the requirements of The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act and of the Bylaws to approve the Minutes of each MVC Board Meeting, by approving the Minutes of the MVC Board Meeting of August 11, 2015.

Board Member Orcutt moved the resolution, Board Member Kisch seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

1510-01: Texting Regulation. This action is to meet the statutory requirement of The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act that at sections 4 and 40 assigns to MVC the duty to promulgate regulations affecting various programs. Sarah Miller of the Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Office presented the final rule.

Director Poedubicky moved the resolution, Board Member Asante seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Legislative Report. A briefing was provided by Legislative Liaison Paul Rozenberg, including:

Bills Sent to Governor's Desk:

A-4613 (Prieto D32/Greenwald D6/Moriarty D4/Coughlin D19/Sumter D35/Mosquera D4/Schaer D36/DeAngelo D14/Gill D34/Rice D28/Sweeney D3/Weinberg D37) establishes "The Democracy Act" to allow early voting, online voter registration, automatic voter registration, and pre-registration of 17-year-olds. The Commission has expressed concerns to Counsel's Office regarding the automatic voter registration provisions of A-4613. In Section 31 of the bill, we would be required to send over to State electronic records of all driver license/ID card applicants who are eligible to vote. In addition, MVC will not be allowed to submit information of people who are deemed to be ineligible to vote. This puts the onus of determining a person's qualifications to vote on the Commission. *On June 25, it passed the full Assembly (45-31-3), and on June 29 if passed the full Senate and was sent to the Governor's Desk (24-16).*

Bills Near the Governor's Desk (*Passed one House of the Legislature and reported from committee in second House:*)

A-387 (Tucker D28/Giblin D34/Wilson D5/Webber R26) makes consent to register with Selective Service part of driver's license application process for males under age 26. This bill requires every male United States citizen or immigrant under age 26 who applies for a special learner's permit, an examination permit, a provisional driver's license, a basic driver's license, or a nondriver identification card, or for renewal of a license or identification card, to consent to his registration for the draft in compliance with the requirements of the Military Selective Service Act. Submission of an application to the MVC would serve as an indication that the applicant has already registered with the Selective Service or that he is authorizing the Chief Administrator to forward to the

Selective Service the necessary information for registration. The Commission has no objection to this bill. It has been amended to address MVC's concerns by removing the requirement of electronic submission of information to the Selective Service System. *On March 9, it passed the full Assembly (75-0-0). On May 11, it was reported out of the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee and is currently in its 2nd reading in the Senate.*

A-1466 (Diegnan D18/O'Donnell D31/Mainor D31/Garcia D33) allows for waiver of school bus requirements for mobility assistance vehicle technicians who transport students with medical needs to and from school. This bill allows any board of education, governing body of a nonpublic school, or State agency to waive school bus operating requirements for any person certified as a mobility assistance vehicle technician (MAVT) who transports a student with medical needs to and from school. The Commission has expressed concerns regarding this bill. School bus vehicles and drivers are subject to rigorous federal and state regulation since the safety of children is involved. MVC already has the ability to issue dual use inspection stickers so mobility assistance vehicles can be used as school transportation. In addition, bus drivers undergo certain procedures to get their endorsement, such as background checks, something that MAVTs do not have to do. *On December 18, 2014, it passed the full Assembly (74-0-0). On August 13, 2015, it was amended on the Senate floor and was sent back for a 2nd reading. On September 24, 2015, it passed the full Senate and was sent back to the Assembly for consideration (38-0).*

Public Comments:

Elizabeth Trinidad of Bridgeton NJ is an attorney as well as a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She requests that Commission employees review Association materials that will help them become even more familiar with issues encountered by foreign-born individuals when seeking a drivers license, and she offered to send those materials to the Commission.

Chairman Martinez then noted that there was no further business before the Board, and thanked the Board Members and staff for their continuing service.

Adjournment:

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Kisch and seconded by Director Fruscione and unanimously adopted at 2:45 p.m.