

Minutes by Board Secretary John G. Donnelly of actions taken at the Open Session of the regularly scheduled 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, June 5, 2012.

Present:

Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman
Stephen S. Scaturro, Vice Chairman
Scott L. Kisch, Public Board Member (by phone)
Laurette Asante, Public Board Member (by phone)
Miriam Weeks, Transportation Commissioner Designee
Gary Poedubicky, Attorney General Designee
James Fruscione, State Treasurer Designee

Provided prior notice of absence to Chairman Martinez:

Walter Orcutt, Public Board Member

Governor's Authorities Unit Assistant Counsel John Cascarano attended.

Chairman Raymond P. Martinez convened the Open Session at 2:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Chairman's Report

The Chairman then presented this report of key Commission activities since the April 10, 2012 Board Meeting:

Organ Donation

As you are aware the MVC is a very big supporter of organ and tissue donation and the largest donor registration portal in New Jersey.

During the month of May, I was involved with several events designed to highlight Organ Donor Month and encourage more New Jerseyans to become donors.

In addition to visiting The Sharing Network's headquarters for a tour, I joined Governor Christie and Health & Senior Services Commissioner O'Dowd for a tour and bill signing at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

I also did an organ donor "promotional tour" at a number of our agencies along with representatives of our state's two organ procurement organizations.

U Got Brains

The folks over at the Brain Injury Alliance of NJ, in partnership with the Division of Highway Traffic Safety and NJ Manufacturer's Insurance, hosted a teen driver safety campaign contest where 19 schools competed to develop the best peer-to-peer safety campaign.

The MVC was a part of the judging and I was able to join the group for the awards ceremony where two schools received driving simulators as a reward for their efforts. The two schools, Bordentown Regional High School and Warren Hills Regional High School, put together really great entries, as did all the other schools.

You can find out more at www.ugotbrains.com

Motorcycle Safety Month

To kick off May as Motorcycle Safety Month, I was invited by the Nam Knights Riders of America to its Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show.

The Nam Knights are one of the largest motorcycle clubs in America and are based here in New Jersey. The club is made up of veterans, former and current law enforcement and emergency services personnel. The group is dedicated to raising funds for veterans and law enforcement charities. They also provide escort rides to injured soldiers returning from active duty.

The MVC joined the club during one of its biggest fundraisers to highlight the importance of riding safely and sharing the road with others. I also had a chance to talk with many of the attendees about the MVC's safety programs offered for experienced and new riders.

Pet/Distracted Driving

When you think about distracted driving the first thing that comes to mind is a cell phone, but last week we visited Bergen County to raise awareness about another form of distraction that can be just as dangerous – traveling with unsecured pets.

With families ready to head out on vacations for the summer season, many bring along their pets, making it the perfect time for the MVC and the state S.P.C.A. to remind drivers that all passengers furry or otherwise should be properly buckled or secured when traveling.

Riding with your dog on your lap or with jumping around in the back seat can be just as dangerous to motorists as eating behind the wheel or texting while driving. Most importantly, people don't realize that there are existing violations in statute that can be issued for not securing a pet. While this was a fun and unique event, I'm hopeful that our serious message made it through in the media coverage we had.

ELCs

As this board knows, maintaining an open line of communication with stakeholders is very important to the success of our organization. I've been fortunate over the last few months to be the featured speaker at a number of luncheon and breakfast meetings of county employer legislative committees (ELCs).

These groups, which are a part of the NJ Business and Industry Association, are made up of business leaders who meet monthly in their area to hear from government leaders and elected officials on various issues of importance.

Just recently, I visited with county ELCs in Cumberland, Gloucester-Salem and Atlantic-Cape May. These were great opportunities to discuss what we've been doing at the MVC to improve our service, not only for drivers, but also for businesses that rely on motor vehicle services.

Kids to Work Day

At the end of April we had another successful Take Your Sons & Daughters to Work Day. Our staff put together a great program here in Trenton that was fun, but more importantly, gave the kids a chance to see what it means to work in motor vehicle services. I want to commend everyone who was involved with that event.

That's an update of MVC happenings.

The following Agenda Items were presented for approval:

Minutes: April 10, 2012. 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 April 10, 2012.

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

1206-01: Licensing Service Regulation. This action is to meet the statutory requirement of The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act to promulgate regulations for the proper functioning of the Commission, including this Final Rule regarding standards for the licensing and regulating of driving schools and Statewide safety organizations that will be providing remedial driver education to New Jersey motorists. Emily Armstrong, Manager in the MVC Office of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, presented the regulation.

Vice-Chairman Scaturro moved the resolution, Director Weeks seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Public Comments:

No members of the public sought to make a public comment.

Chair Martinez thanked the Board Members, staff and public for their participation today and noted that Board Meetings are an important means of assuring the public that MVC is working to be responsive to their needs.

Adjournment:

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Director Weeks and seconded by Vice-Chairman Scaturro and unanimously adopted at 2:40 p.m.