



Highway Policy Committee

CHAIRMAN: Dave Williams, Executive Vice President, Knight-Swift Transportation

TCA STAFF LIAISON: David Heller, Kathryn Sanner

MINUTES:

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 2020
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Amhof
Adam Blanchard
Jon Coca
Roy Cox
Dennis Dellinger
Brenda Dittmer
Amber Edmondson
Darrel Hopkins
Robert Kretsinger
Robert Low

Scott Manthey
Dean Newell
John Simms
Karen Smerchek
Konor Swedberg
Jim Ward
Sarah Wellman
Dave Williams
Nicholas Wingerter

GUESTS PRESENT

Mehdi Arradizadeh
Tiffany Cancian
Tim Chruski
Tim Clark
Missy Edwards
John Elliott
Nina Elter
Don Freymiller

Ray George
Jane Jazrawy
Trevor Kurtz
Mylene Patterson
Glynn Spangenberg
Richard Sullivan
Marilyn Surber

TCA STAFF

Kim Grimmick
David Heller
John Lyboldt

Kathryn Sanner
Jim Schoonover

I. Call to Order

Chairman Dave Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. and a video by DriverFacts, the sponsor of the 2020 TCA Fall Business Meetings, was shown to welcome participants to the meeting. An overview of the Zoom platform for the meeting was given, and attendees were asked to introduce themselves. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to conduct the meeting according to the antitrust guidelines. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in Kissimmee, FL on March 1, 2020.

II. Political Briefing – Missy Edwards, MME Strategies; Richard Sullivan, State Federal Strategies

The committee received an update on the current U.S. political climate from TCA's outside lobbyists, Missy Edwards and Richard Sullivan. Edwards and Sullivan focused on the congressional actions since the last committee meeting in March and the upcoming elections, particularly the Senate and Presidential races, noting that it is too soon to tell how many of these elections will turn out.

III. Legislative Update – David Heller, Vice President of Government Affairs, TCA

David Heller updated the group on measures being considered by Congress that are important to the trucking industry, including FAST Act reauthorization, government funding legislation, and COVID-19 relief efforts. He also noted the status of the legal fight against California's AB5 and explained that TCA has been financially supporting this effort.

IV. The Eastern Transportation Coalition Update – Adam Blanchard, Double Diamond Transport, Inc.

Adam Blanchard gave a presentation on the recent report from The Eastern Transportation Coalition on the potential impacts of a mileage-based user fee (MBUF) on the trucking industry. A main takeaway from the study was that more data is needed to accurately determine the potential ramifications, and so the Coalition is in the beginning stages of conducting a second, much larger study and is looking for TCA members to participate. TCA will provide committee members with more information on ways to get involved.

V. CARB Low NOx Standards Update – David Heller, TCA

David Heller provided an update on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Low NOx engine emission standards for new trucks in the state. He emphasized the need for the industry to stay involved in this issue as the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will need to issue harmonizing regulations for the whole country, which may cater to CARB's activities.

VI. Update on TCA Call on Washington – Kathryn Sanner, Manager of Government Affairs, TCA

Kathryn Sanner updated attendees on the status of TCA's Call on Washington, noting that TCA plans to resume hosting small groups for congressional visits once Capitol Hill and Washington, DC reopen to visitors. TCA will reach out to members to gauge availability for visits, which will take place on a rolling basis every few weeks after the reopening, and which will be limited to a maximum of 5-6 attendees at a time. TCA is also available to help members set up local meetings or terminal visits with their lawmakers.

VII. Old/New Business

As there was no old or new business, Chairman Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

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