

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2-3, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC - SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ROOM

Minutes

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on March 2 and 3, 2020 in Washington, DC

The following members were present: RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Kevin Murray, Vice President of Supply Chain, Red Gold Inc.; RSTAC Vice-Chairman: Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley Western Railroad Company; RSTAC Secretary: Mr. Nate Asplund, President and CEO, Florida East Coast Railway; Mr. Arthur Adams, Vice President Merchandise Sales, CSX Transportation; Mr. Mike Bilovesky, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Agriculture and Minerals Business Unit, Kansas City Southern; Mr. Mathew Brainerd, Chairman, Brainerd Chemical Co., Inc.; Mr. Lawrence C. Malski, President Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America; Mr. W. Paul Delp, President, Lansdale Warehouse Company; Mr. Michael Peters, Chief Commercial Officer, Genesee and Wyoming; Ms. Kari A. Kirchhoefer, Vice President, Marketing & Sales, Industrial, Union Pacific Railroad Co.; Ms. Holly Pixler, Senior Director Transportation and Logistics, MillerCoors; Mr. Robert C. McRae, Senior Director Transportation South Division, PepsiCo North America Beverages; Mr. Ben Abrams, President and CEO, Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc.

Chairman Ann D. Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Commissioner Martin Oberman, Surface Transportation Board; Commissioner Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board

Also Present: STB staff members Gabe Meyer, Lucille Marvin and Coral Torres; Stephen O'Connor, Federal Railroad Administration. Absent - Ms. Brandy Christian, Port of New Orleans.

**Monday, March 2, 2020**

1. RSTAC Chairman Kevin Murray at the STB Board Room called the meeting to order at 12:00 EST
2. Mr. Nate Asplund, President and CEO, Florida East Coast Railway provided a safety briefing.
3. Chairman Kevin Murray presented a motion for officer nominations for 2020
  - Nominee for Chairman: Mr. Nate Asplund, President and CEO, Florida East Coast Railway
  - Nominee for Co-Chairman: Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley Western Railroad Company
  - Nominee for Secretary: Mr. Mathew Brainerd, Chairman, Brainerd Chemical Co., Inc.
4. RSTAC Members seconded the motion and a vote for the nominees was conducted formalizing the positions of the three nominees above.
5. RSTAC Members expressed appreciation for outgoing Chairman Murray's efforts and contributions.
6. Chairman Nate Asplund provided opening remarks and along with RSTAC Members, STB Commissioners, and STB Staff discussed the 2020 meeting agenda, including suggestions for speakers and location for the annual field meeting later in the year.

7. RSTAC Chairman Nate Asplund presented the draft minutes from the October 2019 meeting and the finance summary. Some amendments were received and noted into the October 2019 Minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes and finance report. The motion passed.
8. RSTAC Past-Chairman Kevin Murray presented the 2019 Annual Report. No amendments were received. A motion was made to approve the 2019 Annual Report. The motion passed.
9. New RSTAC members Robert McRae, Senior Director Transportation South Division, PepsiCo North America Beverages and Holly Pixler, Senior Director Transportation and Logistics, MillerCoors were welcomed.
10. A discussion was held concerning RSTAC's possible engagement with Secretary of Transportation, The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on regulatory, policy and legislative matters. Mark Wegner and Mathew Brainerd will bring suggestions of engagement to the next meeting including, should scheduling allow, results of meetings with staff members of these Committees.
11. STB Chairman Ann Begeman, Commissioner Martin Oberman and Commissioner Patrick Fuchs provided welcoming remarks and provided members STB updates since the October 2019 meeting
12. RSTAC Members provided the first round of Field Reports to STB Board Members and Staff
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14. Lucille Marvin, Director, Office of Public Assistance, Government Affairs & Compliance provided an update on the office she manages including an overview, for RSTAC edification, of EP-755, EP-756, EP-760 and EP-760.
15. The First Day's meeting adjourned approximately 5:30 PM CDT

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**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

1. The meeting was called to order by RSTAC Chairman Mr. Nate Asplund at the STB Board Room at 08:30 EST
2. Mr. Michael Peters, Chief Commercial Officer, Genesee and Wyoming provided a safety briefing
3. Mr. Tony Homan, Principal Economist, HDR, Inc. spoke on the benefits of public-private partnerships
4. RSTAC Members provided their third round of Field Reports to STB Commissioners and Staff
5. The second day's meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 EST