

## **RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 20 and June 21, 2023**

**STB HEADQUARTERS**

**WASHINGTON, DC**

### **Minutes**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”), pursuant to notice, held its second quarter meeting, in person, on Tuesday, June 20 and Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the STB’s headquarters in Washington, DC.

The following members were present:

- RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company
- RSTAC Vice Chairman: Mr. Ben Abrams President & CEO, Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc
- RSTAC Secretary: Mr. Robert McRae, Vice President of Transportation, Univar Solutions
- Mr. Brad Moore, Vice President Customer Care & Support, Union Pacific Railroad Co.
- Mr. Robert “Buck” Rogers, VP, Petroleum & Chemicals, Canadian National Railway Co.
- Mr. Richard G. Erstad, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Hawkins, Inc.
- Ms. Brandy Christian, President & CEO, Port of New Orleans
- Mr. Eric Jakubowski, Chief Commercial Officer, Anacostia Rail Holdings, Inc.
- Mr. Don Itzkoff, Chief Policy Officer, Patriot Rail Co. LLC
- Mr. Justin Broyles, EVP Commercial Affairs, R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC
- Mr. W. Paul Delp, President, Lansdale Warehouse Company
- Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America
  
- Chairman Martin Oberman, Surface Transportation Board
- Vice Chairman Karen Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board
- Member Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board
- Member Robert Primus, Surface Transportation Board
- Member Michelle Schultz, Surface Transportation Board

Alternate representatives from companies represented on the RSTAC:

- Mr. Stefan Loeb, VP First & Final Mile Markets, Norfolk Southern (filling in for Mr. James (Leggett) Kitchin)
- Mr. Jordan Goerger, Manager of Rail Transportation, Ardent Mills (filling in for Ms. Holly Pixler)

Also present:

- Federal Railroad Administration: Senior Economist, Mr. T. Stephen O'Connor

Absent:

- Mr. Ross Corthell, Vice President of Transportation, Packaging Corp. of America

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

1. RSTAC Chairman Mark Wegner at the STB Headquarters called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm EDT.
2. Introductions were made and RSTAC Members and the Board welcomed new RSTAC members, Buck Rogers (Canadian National Railway) and Justin Broyles (R.J. Corman Railroad Group).
3. RSTAC Members provided the first round of field reports to STB Board Members and staff.
4. RSTAC Members thanked Brandy Christian for her service to the STB and RSTAC, as this was her last meeting as a member of RSTAC.
5. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

1. The RSTAC members and STB Board members reconvened at 8:30 am.
2. RSTAC chairmanship was voted on by RSTAC members and passed from outgoing RSTAC Chairman Mark Wegner to Ben Abrams. Vice chairmanship was voted on by members to be passed to Eric Jakubowski.
3. A discussion and vote were held for the 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting and field trip. The Port of Savannah was voted on for the location, and dates will be forthcoming. Anacostia Rail Holdings will be hosting the event.
4. Field Reports resumed.
5. Special guest Jamie Boychuk (CSX EVP Operations), along with members of the RSTAC Measures & Metrics Sub-Group, led a discussion on the findings and recommendations on customer and railroad fluidity metrics.
6. Field reports continued.
7. The second day's meetings were adjourned at approximately 1 pm.