

Minutes for May 4-5, 2016

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the “Council”), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on May 4-5, 2016 in Washington, DC.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am, on May 4th, 2016, by Chairman Sahling-Zart

The following members were present: Chairman Shelley Sahling-Zart, Lincoln Electric System; Vice Chairman John McCreavy, SMS Rail Services, Inc.; Treasurer/Secretary: Howard Kaplan, U.S. Magnesium, LLC; Nathan Asplund, Red River Valley & Western; Robin Burns, Occidental Chemical Corp.; Robert Byrd, Nucor; Michael Christensen, Port of Long Beach; John Friedman, Norfolk Southern Corporation; Tom Giovinazzi, Holcim (US), Inc., Wayne Hurst, Agricultural Producer; Lawrence Malski, Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority; Mike Mohan, Canadian National Railway Company; Michael Peters, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services, Inc.; Jeanne Sebring, International Paper; Tom Williams, BNSF; Daniel Zink, Red River Valley & Western

Chairman Daniel Elliott, Surface Transportation Board; Vice Chair Deb Miller, Surface Transportation board; Ann D. Begeman, Surface Transportation Board; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration

Also present: STB staff member Stephanie Lyons

8:30 am May 4th 2016-Meeting Commences-RSTAC members only

1. Welcome from Chairman Sahling-Zart; Introduction of new members; Review of proposed agenda; minutes from previous meeting approved. Financial report from treasurer.

Commissioners arrive approximately 9:00 am.

2. Welcoming remarks from STB Chairman Daniel Elliot, Vice Chair Deb Miller, and Commissioner Anne Begeman
3. Report from Chairman Elliott on the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2015.
4. Congressional staff discussion on S. 808 implementation- Fred Miller, Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
5. Reports from the field (at various times during the meeting).
6. STB review of history of Rail mergers-Katherine Bourdon, Attorney Advisor to STB.

7. Report on US Department of Transportation Final Truck Size and Weight Study- Caitlyn Rayman and Scott Greene; Federal Railroad Administration

Meeting adjourns approximately 4:45pm.

Thursday May 5th, 9am-meeting reconvenes with STB Board

8. Presentation and Discussions-General Railroad Industrial Activity-Dan Keen, Assistant Vice President – Policy Analysis-Association of American Railroads
9. Update by RSTAC Railroad members on status and plans for PTC implementation.
10. RSTAC meeting schedules and topics-discussion of field trip scheduled for November 1-3 in Charleston South Carolina.
11. Next meeting rescheduled for August 30-31, 2016 in DC. Meetings to start 1pm on August 30th and continue from 8:30 to 2:30 on August 31st.
12. Review and discussion of RSTAC mission statement, RSTAC web page and future potential topics, including
 - a. Boxcar and Gondola availability
 - b. Arbitration feedback
 - c. PTC updates
 - d. Mechanism for pre ex-parte comments
 - e. White papers
 - f. Impact of economic downturns and outlook
 - g. Chicago freight issues
13. Adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.