



Highway Policy Committee

CHAIRMAN: Adam Blanchard, Shareholder and Managing Member, Double Diamond Transport, Inc.

TCA STAFF LIAISON: David Heller, Caitlin Smith

MINUTES:

MEETING DATE: Sunday, March 20, 2022

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. PT

PLACE: Wynn Las Vegas Resort

MEMBERS PRESENT

Adam Blanchard
Jon Coca
Ron Cordova
Roy Cox
Dennis Dellinger
Amber Edmondson
Gary Falldin
Darrel Hopkins
Brent Hutto
Robert Kretsinger
Trevor Kurtz
Scott Manthey

Ed Nagle
Dean Newell
Rob Penner
John Pope
John Simms
Karen Smerchek
Jim Stockeland
Konor Swedberg
Lance Votroubek
Jim Ward
Dave Williams
Nicholas Wingerter

GUESTS PRESENT

Alex Abanlle
Yousef Akil
Jack Atkins
Jeff Barga
Travis Baskin
Terry Burnett
Sam Burrer
Sara Chedgley
Don Christenson
Tim Chrulski
Candi Coate
John Culp
Tyler Damazo
Jeff Davis
Andre Durocher
Edgar Dubis
Greg Dubuque
Mike Dursk

John Elliott
Ron Freese
Dave Gallano
Sam Gill
Dan Gold
Mark Greco
Brian Hall
Brook Hartzog
Tommy Hodges
Joey Hogan
Tim Jones
Jackie Jones
Jewel Jones
Lane Kidd
Jakub Kozera
Adrianna Kozera
David Leik
Trent Loverude

Dustin Meyers
Mike McFadden
Andrew Nichols
Chad Norris
Tammy O'Tool
Dafne Palomino
Manohar Patwardhan
Phil Peck
Steve Ponder
Meredith Priestley
Scott Randall
J.D. Redmon
Jeff Reeves
Brigitte Roy
Nancy Schmall
Lacy Schuquel
Ken Shabler
Jerry Sigmon

Derick Singleton
Judy Stadick
Mike Stapleton
Bryan Stefan

Bert Subin
Lake Subler
Harold Sumerford
Charles Tenney

Dan Tram
Bob Vanden Burgt
Mark Walker

TCA STAFF

David Heller
Caitlin Smith
Eddie Wayland

I. Call to Order

Chairman Adam Blanchard called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. PT and asked attendees 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 on September 26, 2021.

II. Political Update – Richard Sullivan, State Federal Strategies, and Missy Edwards, MME Strategies

TCA lobbyists Richard Sullivan and Missy Edwards provided an overview of the current political landscape and discussed several active and potential efforts taken by the White House or Congress related to trucking. They detailed the most vulnerable seats in Congress for the upcoming election cycle.

III. Discussion of TCA Policy on Side Underride Guards – Nicholas Wingerter, Double Diamond Transport, Inc.

Nicholas Wingerter presented TCA's proposed policy on side underride guards for committee consideration. The policy states "TCA recognizes the role of the trucking in reducing accidents and fatalities on our nation's highways, and we support equipment and technology that will aid in preventing crashes in their entirety. The development of any side underride protection, for installation only on newly manufactured trailers, must (1) lead to devices which enhance safety through the prevention of accidents, (2) be based on sound economic and engineering principles, and (3) include rigorous testing and research. Efforts to work with all parties, including the trucking industry, must occur prior to any government mandate being pursued." A motion was made, seconded, and passed to agree to the language and submit it for proposal to TCA's Board of Directors.

IV. Discussion of Lawsuit Abuse Reform – David Heller, VP of Government Affairs, TCA

TCA's David Heller reviewed lawsuit abuse reform at the federal and state level. He discussed a piece of proposed federal legislation, titled the Highway Accident Fairness Act. Then, he outlined relevant state legislation in Iowa, Texas, Montana, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Missouri.

V. Discussion of Predatory Towing – David Heller, VP of Government Affairs, TCA

Heller summarized how predatory towing has evolved state-by-state. He focused on Virginia, Wyoming, Colorado, and Maryland. Then, he specified best targets for progress in 2023 on this issue: Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, & Wyoming.

VI. Additional Trucking Legislation Initiatives – David Heller, VP of Government Affairs, TCA

Heller reported on the truck parking shortage, detailing the prior Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act. He reviewed the potential for a gas tax suspension and updated the committee regarding the pre-employment screening program. He outlined a bill to combine the background checks for HazMat, TWIC, and PreCheck programs.

VII. Old/New Business

There was no old business to discuss. Chairman Blanchard requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment