
SECTION 305 NGEC Executive Board

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2019

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Tim Ziethen, Treasurer, S305 NGEC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: <i>Tim Ziethen, Tim Ziethen also as proxy for Charlie King, Ray Hessinger, Arun Rao, Amanda Martin, John Oimoen, Allan Paul, Tim Hoeffner, Momo Tamaoki for Kyle Gradinger, Mike Jenkins, Brian Beeler II, Support Staff:</i> <i>Steve Hewitt, Tammy Krause, George Hull, Michael Burshtin,</i>
ABSENTEES	Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Charlie King, Michael Lestingi, Ron Pate, John Rosacker, Support:</i> <i>Jason Biggs, Jon Dees, John Bell, Beth Nachreiner, Mike Murray, Jeff Gordon, Shayne Gill, Strat Cavros, Byron Comati, Bernard Reynolds, Patrick Centolanzi</i>

DECISIONS MADE

1. Welcome –Tim Ziethen for Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board:

Chairman Curtit was unavailable for the call and asked Tim Ziethen, Amtrak (NGEC Treasurer) to chair the meeting. Tim opened the call and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

2. Roll Call –Steve Hewitt, NGEC Program Manager:

Steve Hewitt called the roll and, due to the absence of FRA representation (partial government shutdown) could not confirm the presence of a quorum.

It was agreed that the meeting would continue, and a record would be kept, but no votes will be taken.

3. Action items Review – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt noted that most open action items are covered under the agenda.

The status of action items not covered by today's agenda:

Charger Updates from States and Amtrak:

On 10-23-18, at Chairman Curtit's request, States and Amtrak provided summary updates on the Charger Locomotives now that they have been placed in service. The Chairman will be asking for these updates on a periodic basis, with the next update planned for the NGEC 2019 Annual Meeting – 2-22-19.

Amtrak Locomotive Procurement:

Charlie King was unavailable for this call, but George Hull, Amtrak, reported that a Notice to Proceed has been issued to Siemens for the Charger Locomotives.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 12-4-18 Conference Call Meetings – Tim Ziethen, Amtrak:

Approval of the DRAFT minutes from 12-4-18 was tabled until 1-29-19, or the next call in which a quorum is confirmed.

5. Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement - Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans:

Caltrans provided the following update for inclusion in today's minutes (1-15-19)

Of the three critical Cab Car DCRs, two have been approved by the NGECC subcommittee – Carbody/Cab Construction and Cab Area Floor Height. Caltrans has requested that the Car Length Over Couplers DCR to be withdrawn at the last Technical subcommittee meeting. A DCR regarding the PRIIA vertical curve requirements has been submitted to NGECC.

System-level FDR approvals of the Carbody & Clearance, Water & Waste, HVAC, Gap Filler, Digital Communications, Diagnostic System, Double Sliding Step, Accessible Toilet Room, Safety Appliances, Lighting Systems, Semi-Permanent and H-type couplers, Trucks, Exterior Doors, Interior Doors, End Doors, Seats and Brakes have been provided to SCOA/Siemens. Gangway is currently in queue for approval. Most actions for Analog Communication System are complete with closure and system level approval expected soon. Caltrans submittals to FRA for Safety Appliance and Carbody are complete and under review. The package containing the Clearance Envelopes have been submitted to Amtrak for review and approval. Virtual 3D mockups were presented to Caltrans and IDOT to showcase updates to the vestibule area including the End Doors and Trap Doors.

The first 12 carshells are in production at Siemens Sacramento Facility and carshell #1 has passed its FAI and associated rework has been completed. Carshell #2 has completed passivation and is being moved for storage and paint rework. Carshell #3 has completed the passivation process and necessary rework is in process. Carshell 4 has also completed the passivation process and necessary rework is in process. Carshells 5 through 10 are in is slightly delayed due to permitting issues but there is no effect on the schedule thus far.

Caltrans is meeting with the ADA community today (1-15-19) to go over the general design updates and accessible toilet rooms. We have requested Siemens to host a 3D virtual mock up presentation at a later date.

The FAI process is underway and FAIs have occurred for the Carshell Complete, Digital Communication System, Lighting System, Couplers, Sanitary System, Sidewall Lining, FRP Panels, Brake System, Interior Doors, Flooring and heated panel and Battery Charger. Open items are being addressed and the FAIs are revisited for closure by the customer team as needed. FAI for the Low Floor and High Floor Door Panel is to be conducted in early February.

6.

Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT, reported that Metro-North has reissued its Dual Mode Locomotive RFP as a federally funded endeavor. They will follow the same process as before – a two phase approach – pre-qualification and technical proposals. Vendors are currently completing the technical pre-qualification submittal phase.

7.

Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership WG – Steve Hewitt for Eric Curtit:

Steve Hewitt reported that the working group did not meet as previously scheduled on 1-3-19, due to schedule conflicts, and to give report section leaders more time to complete their sections. Thus far one of four has submitted a draft section for review. Leaders have been asked to provide their drafts in advance of the next call now scheduled for 1-24-19.

The goal continues to be getting a full DRAFT report prepared for presentation to the NGECC Executive Board during the annual meeting on 2-22-19.

8.

Update: Document Control – Tammy Krause:

Tammy Krause provided the following update for inclusion in today's (1-15-19) Minutes:

I have created 92 Document Change Requests for what will be Revision B of the Trainset Specification. These are numbers 007-0076 through 007-0167. They have been divided up and sent to the appropriate working group for review. These DCRs have all been previously approved for revisions of the Bi-level and Single Level specifications.

There were four outstanding DCRs and one drawing for the Single level Specification. One of the DCRs 003-0177 has been withdrawn; two of the DCRs, 003-0178 and 003-0179 are waiting approval by the Executive Board and DCR 003-180 is currently under review by the VTI group. The drawing is waiting on approval by the Technical Subcommittee.

9.

FASC Report and Treasurer's Update – Tim Ziethen/Steve Hewitt:

1. FASC approval/recommended changes to two-page educational document and vision statement.

On 12-12-18, the NGECC Finance and Administration subcommittee call (FASC), a change to the NGECC vision

statement included in the two-page educational document was approved for recommendation to the Executive Board. It will remove the word "financing" from the statement. This change will also be made to the NGEC vision statement, itself, from which the two-pager statement was derived.

This recommendation was to be discussed on the next Executive Board call - which is today (1-15-19).

The FASC also agreed to ask the Document Control Manager to provide updated information on the two-pager section pertaining to the NGEC specifications latest revision updates.

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Consideration of approval of these recommended changes to both the Vision statement and the two-pager will be taken up on the next Board call (providing a quorum can be confirmed, on 1-29-19).

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DRAFT Agenda:

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Speakers:

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accurate head count can be provided to AASHTO and so that name badges can be printed.

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Other:**

With no other business forthcoming, Tim Ziethen adjourned the meeting at 11:58AM Eastern.

The next conference call will be 1-29-19

Decisions/Action Items

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement as of 1-15-18:

See agenda item 5 in the minutes.

The Charger - Diesel-Electric Locomotive and Mid-West Section 6 Plan Update:

The Section 6 Plan has been accepted by FRA (as previously reported on 7-3-18).

No other updates reported on 1-15-18

Metro North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Update 12-4-18:

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern
Call in number: 888 585-9008 conference access: 559-120-127

Agenda

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| Room Block information - reminder
Overview- DRAFT agenda – firming up speakers/topics
Confirming attendees – Board Members - Registering with Steve Hewitt for the meeting
Timeline for Presentations (if using Power Point – optional) – 2-16-19 | |
| 11. Other | All |

Next Call -1 -29-19