
SECTION 305 NGENC Executive Board

MINUTES

JANUARY 31, 2017

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Darrell Smith, Mario Bergeron, Ray Hessinger, Michael Lestingi, Arun Rao, John Oimoen, Allan Paul for Paul Worley, Jason Biggs for Ron Pate, Steven Keck, Amanda Martin, Michael Jenkins, Brian Beeler II</i> Support Staff: <i>Shayne Gill, Bryan Hong, Steve Hewitt, Larry Salci, Tammy Krause, Patrick Centolanzi, Dave "Emeritus" Warner, Sal DeAngelo</i>
ABSENTEES	Board Members: <i>Tim Hoeffner, John Rosacker, Paul Worley, Ron Pate,</i> Support: <i>Beth Nachreiner, Jeff Gordon, Lynn Everett, Nico Lindenau, Dale Engelhardt</i>

DECISIONS MADE

1.

Roll Call –Steve Hewitt, Manager, S305 NGENC Support Services:

Steve Hewitt called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Welcome –Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGENC Executive Board:

NGEC Chairman Eric Curtit, convened today's meeting.

3.

Review of Action Items – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt provided a brief update on the open action items – most of which will be covered under today's agenda.

Below is a status of all action items:

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Next update: Annual Meeting 2-24-17

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Next Update: Agenda item 5

Procurement Updates: Ongoing – see status updates within the minutes of this meeting.

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Next Update for the Diesel-electric procurement – Agenda item 6

Annual Meeting Update:

Agenda item 8 – review/discussion of latest DRAFT Agenda/registration/speaker confirmations

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Next Finance and Administrative subcommittee update – 2-24-17 NGEC Annual Meeting

Subcommittee monthly updates: On 1-17-17 updates were provided by the FASC and the 514 subcommittee.

Their next updates will take place on 2-24-17 – at the Annual Meeting.

The Technical subcommittee monthly update will be provided under agenda item 7.

Determining impacts of Iran Divestment Legislation and confirming contractual status with Iran and Siemens: Allan Paul reported that NCDOT has submitted a formal request to Siemens asking for confirmation that it has a contract with Iran for 30 locomotives. Informally, Allan has received confirmation that there is such a contract, but the formal response has yet to be provided. Thus far, Siemens has acknowledged receipt of the request, but no formal response yet.

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4. Approval of the Minutes from the 1-17-17 conference call meeting – Eric Curtit:

On a motion made by Darrell Smith, Amtrak, and seconded by Michael Lestingi, FRA, the minutes from the 1-17-17 conference call meeting were approved without exception.

5. Progress Report: Mid-West States – Section 6 –John Oimoen, IDOT:

John Oimoen reported that the group continues to work on the lease agreement with Amtrak and the Mid-West states

for the locomotives. Operating staff have held several sessions and the attorneys the states are now working on it.

6.

Status Update: Diesel-Electric Locomotive Procurement – John Oimoen, IDOT:

John Oimoen provide the following update on the diesel-electric locomotive procurement:

- *JPEs continue to work with Siemens on schedule and conduct weekly conference calls.*
- *As of now, successful 500-mile conditional acceptance tests have been completed on IDOT units: 4601, 4602, 4604, 4605, 4606, 4608, 4609 & 4610. Locomotives 4603 & 4607 are at TTCI and were tested last week. The first WSDOT locomotives are being prepared to ship to Pueblo.*
- *After 500-mile testing is complete, all locomotives will next ship to Chicago, when IDOT and Amtrak agreements are in place.*
- *Maintenance demonstrations are going well at Siemens and are about 50% complete, this week.*
- *IDOT and Amtrak agreed and signed agreements this past week for storage, testing and commissioning the locomotives.*
- *IDOT locomotive 4611 has been sent to WSDOT for 238.111(b) and WSDOT required 213.345 testing on the Cascades route. WSDOT will conduct the 238.111(b) test. Other JPEs are working with Amtrak for 238.111(a) test plans.*
- *JPEs are working with Siemens for Wi-Tronix application, as required by Amtrak. The first unit is currently being installed. Siemens progress looks good so far.*
- *All Document Change Requests (DCR) have been reviewed and approved by the working group with no issues. Rich Stegner will contact Tammy Krause for next steps for revising the specification.*
- *As-Built weights have been reported at a bit less than 267, 000 lbs (+/-). This is a little bit better than previously estimated. The calculated P2 force is within specified limits. As other locomotives are weighed, we will report.*
- *IDOT and its Fleet Manager Contractor are close to having a signed agreement in place for on-going support.*

7.

Technical Subcommittee monthly update – Mario Bergeron:

Mario Bergeron provided a brief update of the activities of the Technical subcommittee:

Along with standing items such as following/monitoring the equipment procurements; the AAR committee and issues related to Accessibility; the subcommittee is advancing several document control items.

These include:

A review of the Bi-Level Specification changes and possible configuration into the single level specification. Revision Control Coordinator Tammy Krause has prepared a milestone timeline for this effort.

Similarly, changes submitted for the Brightline specification are also being reviewed to see where they may be applicable to NGEC specifications.

A spreadsheet of the locomotive DCRs that have been approved and submitted to Tammy by the working group is being prepared and will be distributed to all subcommittee members for review and consideration.

8.

Preparing for the NGEC Annual Meeting 2017 – Eric Curtit/Steve Hewitt:

Review of DRAFT Agenda - Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt provide an overview of the current DRAFT agenda for the 2017 NGEC Annual Meeting:

**PRIIA Section 305 Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee (NGEC)
Room - TBD
7th Annual Meeting
February 24, 2017
8:30am – 3:00 pm EST
Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, Washington DC**

DRAFT/Agenda

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8:00 – 8:25am	Registration (Hyatt Meeting Room)
8:25 – 8:30 am	Hotel Safety Briefing – Hyatt Regency Hotel Representative
8:30 – 8:35 am	Convene Annual Meeting: Eric Curtit, Missouri DOT, NGEN Chair
8:35 - 8:45 am	Self introductions
8:45 – 8:50 am	Confirm the presence of a quorum: Steve Hewitt, Manager, NGEN Support Services
8:50 – 9:00 am	Review Meeting Agenda: Eric Curtit Review Meeting Packets: Steve Hewitt
9:00 – 9:05 am	Approval of the Minutes from the February 14, 2016 Executive Board conference call
9:05 – 9:25 am	NGEN Chairman’s Report: Eric Curtit
9:25 – 9:40 am	Update from The Federal Railroad Administration- Michael Lestingi, FRA
9:40 – 9:55 am	Update from Amtrak– Mariah Morales, Amtrak Government Affairs
9:55 – 10:10 am	Break
10:10 – 10:40 am	Treasurer’s Report & Finance and Administrative Subcommittee Update – Darrell Smith, Amtrak
10:40 – 10:45am	Consideration of Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report – Eric Curtit
10:45 – 11:15 am	Progress Report: Technical Subcommittee: Mario Bergeron, Amtrak
11:15 – 11:25am	Electronics on New Rolling Stock – Dale Engelhardt, Amtrak
11:25 – 11:40 am	Overview: Accessibility Report – Melissa Shurland, FRA
11:40 – 11:55 am	Overview/status report: AAR Committee – Jeff Gordon, FRA
11:55 – 12:10pm	514 Subcommittee Update – Brian Beeler II, NNEPRA for Maine DOT
12:10 – 1:15 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 pm	Reconvene the meeting – Eric Curtit
1:15 – 1:30 pm	Mid-West States – Section 6 – Tim Hoeffner, Michigan DOT
1:30 – 2:00pm	Update: Diesel-Electric Locomotive Procurement - John Oimoen, IDOT, Dave Ward, Siemens
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Questions/Comments/Other Issues: All Attendees
2:30 – 2:40 pm	Meeting Summary/Action Items Review: Steve Hewitt
2:40 – 3:00 pm	Next Steps/Closing Comments: Eric Curtit
3:00pm	Adjourn

Attendance: As of 1-31-17 there are 63 registered to attend the meeting – see current list below:

12 of 14 Board members have confirmed their attendance. 13 of 14 Board members (highlighted below) are expected to attend – but 1 is tentative – pending travel approval.

A quorum should be established without issue.

Steve also reviewed the speakers to confirm their attendance. All speakers are confirmed – Mariah Morales will be providing the Amtrak Government Affairs update rather than Joe McHugh. Steve Hewitt will revise the agenda and attendee list accordingly.

Speakers are asked to provide their presentations to Steve Hewitt by February 21st. Where appropriate, the NGENC Template should be used for the PowerPoints.

With a few modifications as discussed and agreed to on today's call, Chairman Curtit has directed Steve Hewitt to consider this the Final Agenda and distribute it as such. (Always subject to change as necessary).

NGEC Core Members

Steve Hewitt, NGENC Manager

Eric Curtit, Missouri DOT

Mario Bergeron, Amtrak

Darrell Smith, Amtrak

Michael Lestingi, FRA

Allan Paul, NCDOT

Brian Beeler II, NEPPRA for Maine DOT

John Oimoen, IDOT

Tim Hoeffner, Michigan DOT

Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT

Jason Biggs, WSDOT

Steve Keck, Caltrans

John Bell, NYSDOT (tentative)

Mike Jenkins, Oregon DOT

Marci Petterson, Connecticut DOT

Jennifer Bastian, IDOT

David Simon, Wisconsin DOT

Dale Engelhardt, Amtrak

Tammy Krause, Amtrak

Kevin Kesler, FRA

Jeff Gordon, FRA

Melissa Shurland, FRA

Dave Warner, (Emeritus)

Shayne Gill, AASHTO

Bryan Hong, AASHTO

Kamasha Hendrickson, AASHTO

Mariah Morales, Amtrak,

Larry Salci, SalciConsult

NGEC Industry Members:

Joe Moore, Smith Systems, Inc.

Gil Denton, Smith Systems, Inc.

Dick Bruss, NARP

Michael Latour, Siemens

Christof Schieber, Siemens

Martin Bloedt, Siemens

Paul Ailchholzer, Siemens (tentative)

Dave Ward, Siemens

Steve Morrison, Siemens

Joe Quigley, ALSTOM

Jack Martinson, ALSTOM

Joe Gagliardino, McConway and Torley, LLC

Richard Curtis, Curtis Engineering

John M. Robinson, Wabtec Rail Electronics

Paul Jamieson, Rail and Transit Engineering, North America

Pat Sheeran, LTK Engineering

Tom LaMano, Cummins Rail, North America

Jack Madden, Erdman Anthony

Craig McKean – EMD

Steve Orzech Jr – Freedman Seating Co.

Al Bieber, STV Inc.
Lou Sanders, APTA
Nathan Levinton, APTA
Rodney Mcghee, Timken
Terry Soesbee, Rail Plan International, Inc.
Jeff Schultz, PB World (tentative)
Joe Kenas, Bombardier
Jim Coston, Corridor Capital, LLC
Alexander Epstein, Progress Rail
Walt Stringer, SBC Global (tentative)
Matthew Ward, FaiveleyTransport – a Wabtec Company
Kevin Simms, Voith
Josh Coran, Talgo
James Mathews, NARP
Peter LeCody, NARP

9.
Update: Contractual status with Iran and Siemens - Allan Paul:

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10.
Adjourn:

With no other business forthcoming for today, Chairman Curtit adjourned the call at 11:50am Eastern.

The next conference call is February 14, 2017

Chairman Curtit is holding this call on the schedule, pending determination of the need for it to make last minute preparations for the annual Meeting. If he does not see a need for it, it will be cancelled in deference to Board members' busy schedules and the upcoming NGEC Annual Meeting on 2-24-17.

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ATTACHMENTS



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January 31, 2017
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern**

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Open the Meeting | Eric Curtit |
| 2. Roll Call | Steve Hewitt |
| 3. Action Items Status Review | Steve Hewitt |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from 1-17-16 conference call | Eric Curtit |
| 5. Progress Report: Mid-West States – Section 6 | Tim Hoeffner |
| 6. Status Update: Diesel-Electric Locomotive Procurement | John Oimoen |
| 7. Technical Subcommittee monthly update | Mario Bergeron |
| 8. Preparing for the 2017 NGEC Annual Meeting 2017 | Steve Hewitt |
| a. Review of Revised DRAFT Agenda | Steve Hewitt |
| b. Attendance Registration as of 1-31-17 | |
| c. Speaker confirmation | |
| d. Executive Board Quorum status | |

9. Update: Contractual status with Iran and Siemens - impact on NCDOT

Allan Paul

10. Other

All

Next Meeting -February 14, 2017 – 11:30AM Eastern