

**AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

10:00 a.m., March 11, 2024

Room 309

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**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Bureau Director Walter Remmert, Chairman (on behalf of Secretary Redding)
  - a. Sunshine Law Announcement
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - a. Approval of the minutes –December 5, 2023
- C. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:
- D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
  - a. Upcoming meetings- 10:00 AM, PDA, Room 309 (for all dates)
    - June 11, 2024
    - September 12, 2024
    - December 10, 2024

E. OLD BUSINESS:

a. None

F. NEW BUSINESS:

a . Updates to be discussed.

Adventure Network	Zipline- Camp Kon O Kwee
B &M Dive Coaster Info	Dorney Park
Gosetto S.R.L.	Powers Funhouse
Sylvia Group	Air Court Climbing Attraction Soft Play Playground Trampoline Court Warrior Course

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

I. ADJOURNMENT:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF RIDE AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

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IN RE: RIDE AND MEASUREMENT STANDARDS

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BEFORE: WALTER REMMERT, Acting Chair  
FRED STRATHMEYER, Chair  
Thomas Rebbie, Member  
Stephen Gorman, Member  
Brad Nesland, Member  
Stephen Swika III, Member  
James Spang Jr., Member  
Robert DiDomizio Jr., Member

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CHAIR: Good morning, everyone. I see the folks we have called in and I appreciate you taking your time. I see the board members presence. This is the appointed date and the appointed time for the Pennsylvania Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board today starting at 10:00 a.m. here at the Department of Agriculture, March 11, 2024. I am Walt Remmert. I'm the bureau director from the Ride and Measurement Standards.

Present in the room today, Ms. Yvonne Brown, Mr. Filoromo, Mr. Arndt, Tony Castaldo and various board members, including Mr. Swika, Mr. Spang, Mr. Potter. Online, we have several Board members. Those Board members, if you'd one at a time, introduce yourself and spell your last name for the stenographer, that'd be appreciated.

So if you're not actually speaking or would you please put yourself on mute to allow us to conduct the business? Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Rebbie. Would the next Board member introduce themselves?

MR. GORMAN: Steve Gorman, S-T-E-V-E, G-O-R-M-A-N.

1                    CHAIR: Thank you, Steve. Thank you,  
2 Tom.

3                    Are there any other board members  
4 online? I see a representative of Mr. Nesland. Are  
5 you participating today, Brad? We're going to say  
6 yes. So that's Brad Nesland, N-E-S-L-A-N-D. He'll  
7 be listening in. Also a Board member.

8                    Anybody else? Board members  
9 identifying themselves participating online?

10                   All right. Seeing that we've  
11 identified all the board members, we do have a  
12 quorum present. And a last minute addition. Mr.  
13 DiDomizio Jr. has arrived for the meeting. We'll  
14 add him to our agenda folks that are present.

15                   All right, following the agenda, I'm  
16 going to go a little out of order. We're going to  
17 go through A, B, C and D, and then we're going to  
18 put new business with an overview of Dorney Park  
19 will be first in the hopper after we get through  
20 housekeeping.

21                   I'd like to welcome to his first  
22 meeting in attendance but not his first meeting,  
23 James Spang, a new member to our Advisory Board.  
24 Thank you for being here today. Thank you for  
25 saying yes when asked to participate.



1 Are we in accordance with the  
2 Sunshine Law?

3 MS. BROWN: Yes, we are.

4 CHAIR: Posted and advertised?

5 MS. BROWN: Yes.

6 DIRECTORE REMMERT: Have the meeting  
7 minutes been distributed to the - for their review?

8 MS. BROWN: Yes.

9 CHAIR: All right, I'm going to ask  
10 the representative Mr. Nesland, please keep yourself  
11 on mute unless you're speaking. This is already  
12 very difficult, so, members online, please keep  
13 yourself muted unless you are speaking. Thank you.

14 Tom, can you still hear me? Are you  
15 still receiving this or can you not hear?

16 MR. REBBIE: I can hear you -.

17 CHAIR: Okay.

18 MR. REBBIE: - one, two, three check.

19 DIRECT REMMERT: Yeah, I need Brad  
20 Nesland's representative to mute. Or I'll do it for  
21 you. Unless you're speaking please muted. Thank  
22 you.

23 At this point, I'll ask, were there  
24 any amendments or changes to the meeting minutes  
25 from December 5, 2023 that were offered?

1                   MS. BROWN: None that we're aware of.

2                   CHAIR: At this point, I'll give the  
3 Board members an opportunity that if they have  
4 forwarded or have changes for the meeting minutes  
5 for December 5th to speak up now.

6                   Hearing no changes or amendments for  
7 the meeting minutes offered for December 5, 2023,  
8 I'm searching for a motion to approve the minutes  
9 for December -. Mr. Swika, I see a recommendation  
10 for approval?

11                   MR. SWIKA: Yes.

12                   CHAIR: Is there a second? Because  
13 we're so limited -.

14                   MR. REBBIE: Tom Rebbie.

15                   CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Tom.  
16 I hear a movement and a second. Is there any  
17 discussion? Seeing or hearing no discussion, all  
18 those in favor please say aye.

19 AYES RESPOND

20                   CHAIR: Any opposed? Very good.  
21 Meeting minutes are approved. Moving on to the next  
22 item on the agenda, Chairman remarks. So to indulge  
23 me for a moment to Orient Mr. Spang to how we've  
24 operated in the past and to open it to the Board  
25 members. So I am not the chairman. So I am sitting

1 as the chairman today. The chairman is the  
2 Secretary of Agriculture as duly appointed by the  
3 law, or as duly designated representative. In this  
4 case, Deputy Secretary Fred Strathmeyer, they walk  
5 in, he'll assume the chair duties. I am the  
6 Director of the Bureau and over the program. And  
7 we'll as necessity needs, take chair duties. And at  
8 this moment, I am.

9           So I just wanted to be clear that the  
10 Secretary of Agriculture, his designee, typically  
11 the Deputy Secretary would be here. We usually have  
12 this on a Tuesday, but since today is a Monday, they  
13 have the executive staff meeting about the same  
14 time. So I suspect he'll be in here shortly to do  
15 introductions and any remarks from the secretary.

16           All right, clarifying that. Moving  
17 on to director's report, and also to remind everyone  
18 that we already have 2024's meetings scheduled.  
19 It's posted. We're doing better already. So you'll  
20 see a June 11th, September 12th, and December 10th.  
21 And our duty is to have new information to the Board  
22 members, optimistically, six weeks out for your  
23 review. More likely three weeks out for your  
24 review. It will go to the FTP site that most of you  
25 are familiar with and some will become familiar

1 with. We'll put updated or new information for you  
2 to review and make comment on.

3 We would appreciate if the Board  
4 members indulge in that as they come across  
5 information when they review it. If there's  
6 questions that we can answer prior to the Board  
7 meeting. That is an optimal way we'd love to  
8 operate. You provide us your concerns and we come  
9 to you with answers. So you have less concerns to  
10 bring up the Board meeting, right, simply us having  
11 a speedy and efficient meeting. But that is not a  
12 requirement. Bring your concerns to the meeting,  
13 send them to us. Send a full smoke signal however  
14 you can get them to us. We appreciate your time and  
15 indulgence.

16 Program updates. So I will ask Joe  
17 Filoroma to highlight the two things that he wanted  
18 to make sure that we brought up, and I will round it  
19 out. So I would ask Mr. Filoromo to turn his  
20 microphone on and to bring it closer to him so the  
21 people online can hear him. And he has a couple of  
22 things. Most recently a seminar that we just  
23 participated in and an enforcement action. Joe, Mic  
24 and floor are yours.

25 MR. FILOROMO: Good morning. So we

1 just had another seminar two weeks ago. We had  
2 about 300 people altogether we tested 150 people.  
3 The seminar went real well. The vast majority are  
4 working on a variety of different types of classes.  
5 So we'll be giving another test on April 1st, if  
6 anybody has any want to test some more inspectors,  
7 get some more inspectors in case something happens,  
8 you can do that April 1st. Contact us, schedule.

9           The other thing about we're going to  
10 concentrate on this year is maybe some better  
11 enforcement on bad inspection. So we're finding QA  
12 is going out and finding things wrong and finding it  
13 wrong a second time. We shouldn't have found it  
14 wrong the first time, but the inspector is the  
15 certified person, not us.

16           So we've gotten a little better now  
17 with a shared file where Randall goes to look at  
18 something that Tony saw a few weeks ago. Randall's  
19 going to be able to see Tony's inspection more  
20 readily than before. We cut out the middleman and  
21 made where they can go right into this file and see  
22 this stuff. So we'll be able to zero in on those  
23 problems better. And then we intend to do  
24 suspensions or fines of certified inspectors.  
25 There's some things we just shouldn't be finding

1 them over and over again.

2 We had one of our classes that  
3 Randall and I did at the seminar was pretty much  
4 just based on deficiency we found on one carnival.  
5 It was just a slideshow of his inspection at this  
6 one carnival, and it was surprising. We had another  
7 one that Dennis and me did on roller coasters. And  
8 it was a slideshow roller coaster that he inspected.  
9 Again, problems that we need to stop in their  
10 tracks and eliminate. That is all.

11 CHAIR: Thank you, Joe. And while  
12 Joe was offering his thoughts and comments for the  
13 last quarter, Deputy Secretary Fred Strathmeyer  
14 entered the room. And as I prepped everyone he is  
15 now assuming the chairman duties, though he will  
16 definitely hand off the workings of the session to  
17 me, but I'll offer any comments to Deputy  
18 Strathmeyer

19 MR. STRATHMEYER: Again, the only  
20 comments I have is thank you really to everybody for  
21 the great job you do. I had pleasure of speaking to  
22 - doing a training seminar a week ago, two weeks  
23 ago. And just really to me, it's a kudos to you as  
24 an industry and what you do and what you bring to  
25 the table.

1                   And to Joe's point about these  
2 inspections, the fact of the matter is you have that  
3 system in place and it's working. Sure, it could be  
4 fine-tuned and can always be better, but one of a  
5 kind across the country we speak of, you know, when  
6 I talk to Phil, Phil -, he's so complimentary of  
7 what we do here in the state of Pennsylvania and how  
8 transparent we are and how well we continue to look  
9 at public safety as our number one course of action  
10 is to make sure that the public is safe.

11                   So kudos to Walt and his team and to  
12 the industry and everything you do, and to this  
13 Board and the time you take, because again, it's all  
14 voluntary work, and we appreciate what you do. So,  
15 that's it.

16                   CHAIR: Thank you. And rounding out  
17 Fred's comments, it would be remiss if we did not  
18 mention the PACE seminar and all of the work that  
19 they do for their portion of the industry in  
20 Pennsylvania that's not necessarily suited for the  
21 user rights and safety seminar offered by Mr.  
22 Slaggert. So, two preeminent opportunities for  
23 ongoing continuing education that are required by  
24 Pennsylvania law. And I don't know that we would do  
25 this well without either organization. So we

1 appreciate the time spent and the opportunity to  
2 learn and grow.

3 I'd like to recognize that we have  
4 representatives from Dorney Park here today, and  
5 they're offering us an update on a new attraction,  
6 and they would love the opportunity to speak a few  
7 moments before the Board. So I'll offer you this  
8 gentleman, collectively or individually, to the  
9 microphone. Please state your name, spell your last  
10 name for the record, and we'll interact with you and  
11 provide your slideshow direction from you. So I  
12 invite you to come to the mic. And they're very  
13 finicky, so you have to be kind of close to the  
14 microphone. So if you pass it around to each other,  
15 it would benefit the folks listening online.

16 MR. ELDREDGE: Good morning, Board.  
17 Thank you for having us today on behalf of the team  
18 at Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom. I'm the  
19 communications manager at Dorney Park. My first  
20 name is Ryan, R-Y-A-N, last name Eldredge, E-L-D-R-  
21 E-D-G-E.

22 MR. LEBO: Good morning. My name is  
23 Daniel Lebo. I'm the operation manager. My last  
24 name is L-E-B-O.

25 MR. WIEDER: My name is Paul Wieder.



1 I am the director of maintenance. P-A-U-L, W-I-E-  
2 D-E-R.

3 CHAIR: Like you're natural born to  
4 it. So tell us what you want us to hear, and we'll  
5 show whenever you tell us to show.

6 MR. ELDREDGE: Sure, I'll start. I  
7 put this presentation together. So we just kind of  
8 wanted to give you an overview of everything that we  
9 have been working on from the ground up, and that  
10 includes a lot of the work that went into planning  
11 for this roller coaster. It is the first dive  
12 roller coaster by B&M, which is our manufacturer in  
13 northeast. It has a 95 degree drop.

14 We'll go over some of the more  
15 specifics as we get through the presentation, but  
16 I'll let you know that there are video elements of  
17 this, and there are some photographs as well, so you  
18 can kind of get a good look without having to come  
19 to Allentown. Of course, you're welcome any time to  
20 come to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom. So we're  
21 going to show you this presentation, and we hope you  
22 guys enjoy it. If you have any questions, feel free  
23 to ask. We have the right people here to answer  
24 those questions for you.

25 CHAIR: All right, very good. We're

1 making sure that the people online can see it, so  
2 we've resolved the sharing issue. Would one of the  
3 folks online confirm that you're actually able to  
4 see what's being shared?

5 MR. NESLAND: This is Brad -.

6 CHAIR: All right, very good. Thank  
7 you. Go ahead, Yvonne. Let's go ahead and start  
8 the presentation.

9 MR. ELDREDGE: Okay, Yvonne, -.

10 MS. BROWN: Just tell me what page,  
11 okay?

12 MR. ELDREDGE: Yeah, no problem. So  
13 this first one here is a video. So I don't know if  
14 it'll play out for you, but this was our initial  
15 teaser campaign. It came out on August 10th just to  
16 let people know what theme was and what the ride  
17 would look like.

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19 (WHEREUPON, A VIDEO IS PLAYED.)

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21 MR. ELDREDGE: So just in case you  
22 hadn't seen that, I was proud of that. That was a  
23 lot of animation work. A lot of that, obviously, is  
24 computer animated, so it won't completely look like  
25 that. We can click through, this will be - this is

1 a little more indicative of what we conceptualize  
2 the ride to look like. At this point, we have  
3 completed - the track work is connected, so we do  
4 have some of that. I think this a video as well,  
5 Yvonne, so you can hit play if you'd like. This is  
6 a drone flying around.

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8 (WHEREUPON, A VIDEO IS PLAYED.)

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10 MR. ELDREDGE: Okay, Yvonne, now it's  
11 just going to replay. Some of this is just meant to  
12 be more comprehensive so that when we get toward the  
13 end, maybe some of your questions will already be  
14 answered. As I mentioned, this is an infographic  
15 that gives you an idea of what those four inversions  
16 are, and some of those important milestones as we  
17 went through construction.

18 So a 95 degree drop is the first of  
19 its kind in the northeast. It does have a ride  
20 that's a sister ride. It's already built in Texas,  
21 Dr. Diabolical. We have a barrel roll, a tilted  
22 loop, which is the first inversion of its kind on a  
23 B&M dive, corkscrew, and then the immelmann  
24 inversion. The hold at the top is about three  
25 seconds. The height of the hill is 160 feet. You

1 drop about 152. Speed is 64 miles an hour, and the  
2 track length is 2,169 feet long.

3 Yvonne, you can click to the next one  
4 if you'd like.

5 And then this is what it'll look like  
6 as you are seated on. So we can let this play out  
7 as well. So it will give you a better idea of what  
8 your ride would be like. This is fully animated,  
9 this is not real.

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11 (WHEREUPON, A VIDEO IS PLAYED.)

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13 MR. ELDREDGE: Now as that seems  
14 short, but we think it'll be extremely thrilling.  
15 You can click through this one, it's just another  
16 overview. I just wanted to do this because I  
17 thought this was exciting. This is kind of fun.  
18 This is more the marketing side of things.

19 But when it comes to naming a ride,  
20 the process is always really interesting. So I  
21 figured I'd give you guys a tidbit. This isn't  
22 something that the general public's had a chance to  
23 see. So there's some really fun names that come  
24 through, or some really terrible names. Wayne  
25 Liquor is on there. There's a couple that everybody

1 starts throwing names around, and how do you come up  
2 with the final three or four is always really  
3 interesting.

4                   But as we got into the process, it  
5 was really apparent that we needed to lean into the  
6 industrial roots of the Lehigh Valley. Hence the  
7 iron, and then the menace is just kind of that tie  
8 into the old steel manufacturing Hiram McTavish,  
9 that backstory that we talked a little bit about in  
10 that piece. So there's some fun ones in there and I  
11 just figured we wanted to share that with you guys.  
12 Just have a nice little tidbit, if you will.

13                   Yvonne, you can click through that.  
14 Thank you.

15                   I do have some construction videos  
16 here. So this first one we're just excited about.  
17 This is when the first piece of track was actually  
18 taken to the work site. The video, as you're  
19 looking at it, this actually happened back in  
20 October. So that worksite, as you can see, is  
21 pretty bare at this point. As we get through,  
22 you'll see more and more.

23                   So, Yvonne, you can hit play, that's  
24 a video, and we can talk over this if need be, or we  
25 can just kind of let it play out.

1           So we've done some dynamic drone  
2 shooting to capture these angles from the sky. And  
3 this first piece of track actually came to us from  
4 Claremont, Ohio. 99% of the steel we're using on  
5 this project is American steel, which is great. And  
6 we've worked with our manufacturer, B&M, to make  
7 sure that things were fabricated in a way that was  
8 up to standards and so that the ride is safe for  
9 everyone to use and for our guests.

10           So this process is always interesting  
11 when you get into construction and build. Some of  
12 the more challenging elements of the station and the  
13 lift hill, and then as you get through those  
14 inversions, but our team's done a really good job.

15           Yvonne, you can click through this  
16 one if you want, and we'll have another one here on  
17 the backside.

18           So this is the topping of the lift  
19 hill, and this would signify the highest that we had  
20 to go on this build. So it's 160 feet. We're  
21 working with a lot of Pennsylvania contractors to  
22 get this work done. And I think all of them have  
23 done a really nice job to this point.

24           So this is just for those who know  
25 the coaster industry really well, this is a

1 significant moment and a significant milestone in  
2 the build. And this happened right around the  
3 holiday season in late December. So that was just  
4 another milestone. And if we go to the next video,  
5 that'll be another one.

6 So another milestone, this is when we  
7 completed the track, which happened two weeks ago on  
8 a Thursday. This is a big deal. We complete the  
9 circuit, and that means we're just a short time away  
10 from being able to test and commission the ride and  
11 get the trains to the station, which is something  
12 that happened last week. And we'll give you a look  
13 at those trains here in a little bit. So that was  
14 also a significant moment.

15 And this is all the animation. And  
16 now you can kind of see what it looks like now that  
17 it's completed and standing on that site in South  
18 Whitehall Township at Dorney Park. And we're really  
19 pleased with how the build has gone and how we made  
20 those animations, those dreams, a reality.

21 Yvonne, you can click through to the  
22 next one if you'd like.

23 So the question, I guess, is, what  
24 happens next? And so what we envision and what we  
25 see happening is a lot of the steaming elements

1 coming to life. Not necessarily the smoke in the  
2 operating factory, that was kind of just flash for  
3 the animation. But a lot of the structures will be  
4 reminiscent of some of the ones that folks can see  
5 in the Lehigh Valley.

6           Think of Bethlehem Steel with the  
7 stacks, something like that that's more reminiscent  
8 of abandoned facilities. Obviously, all of it's  
9 going to be new and rebuilt. And some of that  
10 theming will dynamically rest on the footprint that  
11 you see above.

12           Yvonne, you can go to the next one.  
13 This is what we envision the station looking like.  
14 Once again, none of this concept art has been shared  
15 with the public, but we wanted to share it with you  
16 to kind of give you an idea of what it'll look like  
17 upon completion. So that gives you a better idea of  
18 what that theming looks like. I know we're more  
19 interested with safety here.

20           Once again, just trying to get  
21 through this so we can show you all what it looks  
22 like, maybe answer some of your questions before we  
23 get to that point. But the station itself is  
24 designed to look more like an old steel  
25 manufacturing facility. And the ride concept is to



1 kind of feel more like a blast furnace with the 95  
2 degree drop in that dive.

3 Yvonne, you can click through to the  
4 next one, if you'd like.

5 These are our trains. And I can hand  
6 it over to Paul and Dan to explain a little bit more  
7 what those restraints are like and what the train is  
8 like.

9 MR. WIEDER: So the restraints on  
10 this coaster have the over the head harness come  
11 down. Also, we have a crotch strap that comes up  
12 from underneath the seat to keep the harness intact  
13 should anything happen. It has a double cylinder  
14 that locks to lock that over the shoulder strap in  
15 place. It also has a vest type material that will  
16 snugly fit on the occupant.

17 The over the shoulder harness gets  
18 checked. Each side of the double cylinder gets  
19 checked every time it comes in the station. So when  
20 operations does their check the first time when the  
21 train comes in, they'll pull up on the harnesses,  
22 that only one cylinder is locked at that point. And  
23 then when the train leaves the station, both  
24 cylinders are locked. The next one, so if the first  
25 one was the right one, the next time it comes into

1 the station, the left side cylinder locks only.  
2 Operations checks those harnesses when it leaves the  
3 station. So every two cycles, both cylinders that  
4 lock that over the shoulder harness in place gets  
5 checked, as well as other inspections that they've  
6 done throughout the week.

7 MR. LEBO: Paul is correct. Most of  
8 the restraining is done by the actual bar that goes  
9 across your upper thighs, which is connected to  
10 those two grab bars that you pull down over your  
11 head, and then your upper body is secured by the  
12 vest restraint as well, just to keep you back into  
13 the seat. There is also a larger seat in rows two  
14 and three in the middle seat, there's an extra 25  
15 millimeters there.

16 MR. ELDREDGE: And that train itself,  
17 if you were looking, it was three rows of seven. So  
18 21 total riders. There will be two trains. So that  
19 would be 42 for both trains.

20 That's all I had for my presentation.  
21 We'd be happy to take any questions from you at this  
22 time.

23 CHAIR: Let's keep things in good  
24 order. I would ask that we're going to go around  
25 the room in person for questions from Board members.

1 Then we'll open it up to the online Board members.  
2 So at this point, are there any Board members here  
3 in the room that have any questions?

4 You're not a board member. Go ahead.  
5 Turn your microphone on, please.

6 MR. SWIKA: Oh, I'm sorry. Hello.  
7 Listen, double redundancy on that over the shoulder.  
8 Is the second cylinder double the sectors or a  
9 ratcheting system?

10 MR. WIEDER: No, it's the second  
11 cylinder.

12 MR. SWIKA: So it's double cylinders,  
13 and they're both electrically controlled?

14 MR. WIEDER: Correct.

15 MR. SWIKA: Okay.

16 So they have the nitrogen tank and  
17 air valve?

18 MR. WIEDER: Yeah, that will be  
19 replaced every seven years.

20 MR. SWIKA: Okay. All right. Thank  
21 you. That's all I needed to know.

22 CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Swika. Now,  
23 Joe, you said for the online member, Brad Nesland,  
24 you had a question?

25 MR. NESLAND: I do have a question.

1                   MR. FILOROMO: Brad Nesland asked  
2 about the incident at Carowinds on a similar  
3 coaster. Have you addressed that somehow in  
4 relation with?

5                   MR. WIEDER: With this coaster, it's  
6 required as a weekly visual from - are daily visual  
7 from the ground. We also use binoculars throughout  
8 our inspections now. So we have the whole track  
9 inspected by binocular at least once a week. B&M is  
10 also requiring us to do on this coaster in the  
11 maintenance portion of it, a three month official  
12 from either drone, man lift, up close and personal.

13                   MR. NESLAND: Paul, will the track  
14 inspection vehicle you currently have fit on this  
15 track?

16                   MR. WIEDER: It does. It does.

17                   MR. NESLAND: The other thing that I  
18 would like to request is that, like at Carowinds, in  
19 your training of your mechanics, if you guys could  
20 identify the likely highest stress points so they  
21 pay special attention to those.

22                   MR. WIEDER: Absolutely.

23                   MR. NESLAND: Then the last question  
24 I have for you is how will you be able to evacuate a  
25 ride in the drop - a vehicle in the drop position?

1                   MR. WIEDER: So this has one single  
2 chain that goes up, Brad, and as it climbs to the  
3 top, it has a reverse drop dogs. Once it gets out  
4 of - there's also two kicker motors up there that  
5 have brakes. So once it gets out of those drop  
6 dogs, in case there would be a power outage, the  
7 ride will return home from there anyway. So the  
8 last port of braking is those two sets of kicker  
9 motors up there.

10                   Does that answer your question?

11                   MR. NESLAND: Well, I guess I'm  
12 curious. So would you clear the car, evacuate it or  
13 are you just going to go with what the -?

14                   MR. WIEDER: No, the system would  
15 allow that car to come home automatically. The only  
16 way that it should ever get stuck - granted, it  
17 should ever get stuck right? In the actual drop  
18 position would be a catastrophic failure of  
19 something that got caught in the wheel. And if that  
20 would happen, we would have to call in other  
21 services.

22                   MR. NESLAND: Okay. Yeah. That kind  
23 of leads me to my next question. Would you have a  
24 group training with the local fire department?

25                   MR. WIEDER: Absolutely. That's

1 already on the list.

2 MR. NESLAND: Perfect. Those are all  
3 my questions. Thank you.

4 CHAIR: Any other Board member online  
5 before I come back to the room?

6 Mr. DiDomizio, go ahead. Hang on,  
7 Steve. Mr. DiDomizio, -.

8 MR. DIDOMIZIO: I have a quick  
9 question.

10 CHAIR: Yeah, go ahead Mr. DiDomizio.

11 MR. DIDOMIZIO: Yeah, just a quick  
12 question. I'm going through the document that was  
13 supplied to us, and I noticed there's no electrical  
14 drawings in here or electrical requirements. Is  
15 that something that will be forthcoming?

16 MR. WIEDER: Yes, sir. This is your  
17 first kind of blush at this. We'll round out the  
18 record here very soon with plenty of time for you to  
19 review.

20 MR. DIDOMIZIO: All right, sounds  
21 good. Thank you.

22 MR. WIEDER: Yep.

23 Mr. Gorman?

24 Yeah, my question is, do you have  
25 only one train or will you run multiple trains?

1                   MR. LEBO: We have two trains that'll  
2 be running.

3                   MR. GORMAN: Okay.

4                   And then is there space between the  
5 rows so that the operators physically check each of  
6 that part?

7                   MR. LEBO: Yes. In between rows two  
8 and three, it actually moves right up to the station  
9 platform so you can cross it. And then in the front  
10 row, there's a movable drawer that will come into  
11 place when the train parks so that we can check the  
12 front row.

13                   MR. GORMAN: Sorry, that was my only  
14 question.

15                   CHAIR: Thank you. Tom, anybody?  
16 I'm sorry. Let me fix that. Do you remember what  
17 the question? It'll come to you, Mr. Spang. Mr.  
18 Spang has a question. Would you please turn the  
19 microphone on so they can hear you?

20                   MR. SPANG: Yeah, mine is addressing  
21 training with the local emergency responders. This  
22 is going to be, obviously, a new thing that requires  
23 a lot of specialized training, not only on your  
24 side, but on the local first responders. I don't  
25 know what the training level - is. They would have

1 to bring in personnel from other parts of the county  
2 that are trained in high side rescue. But if you're  
3 going to do that, would you be willing to invite our  
4 ride inspection team to maybe be there for the  
5 training and just keep up to speed of what you're  
6 teaching?

7 MR. WIEDER: Absolutely. Absolutely.

8 MR. SPANG: Very good answer, thank  
9 you.

10 CHAIR: Are there any other  
11 questions, Board members? All right, I'm going to  
12 direct this to Joe.

13 Joe, where are we with oversight?  
14 Have we been on sites? Do we have ongoing presence?

15 MR. FILOROMO: We were there on  
16 Friday and we looked over the progress and following  
17 the - on the ground a lot about a lot of these  
18 questions that you're asking. It's moving right  
19 along. I guess we're going to be ready to start  
20 running cycles within a week or so. So moving  
21 along.

22 CHAIR: So I only ask so it's  
23 transparent. So currently the bureau, the division  
24 has no outstanding items other than to round out the  
25 submission as far as moving this forward.



1                   MR. FILOROMO: Pretty much the next  
2 things we should get is the accelerometer test and  
3 some sort of record with the results of the site.

4                   CHAIR: Very good. So for the Board,  
5 this is what you should expect from us. We'll  
6 continually provide you updates. For Mr. DiDomizio,  
7 we'll round out the record for his review. We'll  
8 likely offer a conditional approval, and we'll ask  
9 you to come report back after the soft opening or  
10 whenever our next meeting is, after your opening to  
11 report back to the Board on your circumstances. So  
12 the opening and approval is on us, and we'll keep  
13 the Board members apprised throughout the process.

14                   Any other questions or concerns for  
15 Dorney?

16                   Thank you, gentlemen. So thank you.  
17 Feel free to stay or go as you see fit. Thank you  
18 for coming in and taking your time today to update  
19 us.

20                   To the Board members, we're going to  
21 offer and go through our F, new business. We're  
22 going to start in order. So we moved B&M up front.  
23 I will offer Steve Gorman. Do you want to go now or  
24 last, on behalf of -?

25                   MR. GORMAN: And what am I

1 presenting?

2 CHAIR: What's that, Steve?

3 MR. GORMAN: What am I presenting?  
4 What are you asking to present?

5 CHAIR: Nothing. I was just put you  
6 on the spot because I can. Every time he wants to  
7 present something, he comes here. This is the one  
8 time that he didn't drive all the way from Erie, so  
9 a little humor.

10 All right, so we're going to go in  
11 order. Obviously, B&M is already gone. The  
12 adventure network zipline at Camp Kon-O-Kwee. So  
13 for Board members, because our agenda is so small  
14 and we have not completed the review on all the  
15 pieces, we thought it would be a good time to offer  
16 you an update on where we are with a variety of  
17 equipment.

18 So two years ago, we probably had a  
19 dozen and a half, almost 18 unique pieces of  
20 equipment that were going in various stages of the  
21 approval process. Even up until late this past  
22 year, say, December's meeting, we had unresolved  
23 issues pending review, a dozen. Today, these four  
24 items comprise all of the ones pending that we're  
25 working on.

1 All the other items that have been  
2 submitted to us have been returned to sender as  
3 incomplete, waiting for them to return with either  
4 an updated submission or at that point, we've given  
5 them a 60 day window that says if we don't receive  
6 an updated submission, we're going to assume that  
7 you're not proceeding forward with this and we're  
8 going to put it in a holding pattern away.

9 So as of this meeting, what you see  
10 here is what we're working on. In 12 years, we've  
11 never been caught up. So a new day and age and  
12 shout out to both Joe and the QAs, and more so  
13 Yvonne and Zari internally for putting in mechanisms  
14 to allow us to become more efficient and actually  
15 catch up.

16 This has been a labor of love for the  
17 last dozen years to take how we used to do business,  
18 best utilize the Board's time and still get our day  
19 to day work done, which is overseeing the 1,400 or  
20 so private inspectors doing work out there every  
21 day. So this is a living, breathing testament to  
22 the hard work done on both sides of the fence, in  
23 the office administratively and the field. And I  
24 recognize the hard work it took to get here.

25 So what we have here today is a

1 unique, one off, a one of a kind zip line being  
2 offered at Camp Kon-O-Kwee. We support all kinds of  
3 operations. So somebody thought that we only did  
4 work at fairs, carnivals or amusement parks. They  
5 would be mistaken at what the bulk of our work is.  
6 And probably we have the least amount of work to do  
7 with fairs, carnivals and amusement parks because  
8 they have the full time staff, the experience and  
9 the knowledge to actually do the work that we expect  
10 of them.

11 We spend a lot of our time at new one  
12 off events. If you've ever seen a jet engine or  
13 turbo fans blowing people 40 feet in the air and an  
14 iFLY experience, you'll understand how you're taking  
15 an industrial model which was not meant for  
16 amusement rides and adapting it to an amusement  
17 attraction. Right?

18 So BSA, Boy Scouts of America, Girl  
19 Scouts of America, and a zillion summer adventure  
20 camps that exist in our northeast and our northwest,  
21 you'll know that we do a lot of work and a surge of  
22 agro tourism items. So farmers in Pennsylvania are  
23 getting more interested in extending their growing  
24 season is what they're offering it, by offering  
25 different opportunities for people to experience

1 their land even after harvest. So you'll see corn  
2 mazes and harvest festivals.

3           They are installing unique, self-  
4 designed, self-installed items that, unfortunately  
5 for all of us, fall under the category of the  
6 amusement ride or attraction. Camp Kon-O-Kwee  
7 happens to be a camp that services their area, also  
8 provides services to youth groups, and in this  
9 particular case, this submission is a zip line from  
10 tower to tower.

11           So you may not have had the  
12 opportunity to review it all, but I will offer you a  
13 summary. Unless Joe or Randall would like to offer  
14 a summary how we handle zips or high ropes courses.  
15 You would rather point at me when I do wrong, or  
16 would you like to offer?

17           MR. FILOROMO: I'd like to have  
18 randomly kind of specialize in those zip lines and  
19 harnesses. We're working on addressing drops from  
20 zip lines in general. Not the single act of this  
21 one installation. But part of what's in here is the  
22 thing where you have the one attendant says  
23 something, another responds. It's kind of a double  
24 check procedure, which we'd like to see more of  
25 across the Board. And we're trying to work around

1 the single point suspension in a better way, too.  
2 So again, Randall kind of hands on gets into the  
3 details at this point.

4 CHAIR: All right, Joe, if you turn  
5 your mic off. Randall, if you grab a mic, five  
6 minutes or less, walk them through high ropes,  
7 suspension or zip. Typically the items, high  
8 profile items that we're looking for and any  
9 specific. In this particular case, Leonard's on.  
10 You may have some specificity of items that he found  
11 at this location that we're addressing, but  
12 generally. Thanks, Randall.

13 MR. ARNDT: All right.

14 For the zip lines and the tree  
15 obstacle courses, they're pretty much similar where  
16 they're harnessing and they're clipping in. So what  
17 we've been experiencing over the past couple of  
18 years is a lot of - we've been seeing a bunch of  
19 injuries and a lot of it's been operations. And so  
20 we're trying to figure out how to try to minimize  
21 the mistakes of the operators.

22 One of those things we're trying to  
23 get away from as Joe mentioned, the single point  
24 suspension. Typically, they've been using one  
25 Carabiner to connect it to the harness. So we're

1 trying to figure out - and get them to switch over  
2 to two Carabiners that has two connection points.

3           That's only part of it, though,  
4 because we do realize that some of the locations  
5 where the training, they had really good training  
6 just two weeks prior and there was an incident. So  
7 the training really is where most of the issues is  
8 coming from. So it's not just one thing. It's not  
9 just the Carabiner connection. It's also the  
10 training.

11           So now, on the obstacle courses,  
12 there's different things on those. Some of them use  
13 a clicking system where they connect one. It's like  
14 two connections, and you can't move two at a time.  
15 So one can be missing at a time. And we found some  
16 issues with them, possibly, so we're going to check  
17 out them later this week. But generally, those  
18 systems are pretty much foolproof, supposedly.

19           Now some of them are starting to turn  
20 over to what's called continuous belay systems. So  
21 once they're connected at the ground they go through  
22 the, it's like a trolley and there's different  
23 styles, and it will follow the lifeline all the way  
24 through the whole traction and does not connect -  
25 get disconnected one time until it comes to the very

1 bottom again.

2                   So we have some that have upgraded to  
3 that. There's different styles of them and that's  
4 the kind of way I would like to see the industry  
5 really going for these tree courses. And it's  
6 always a cost factor and some older ones we're just  
7 dealing with that. So moving forward, newer ones,  
8 it's kind of a recommendation when I see it, why  
9 don't you guys build the continuous belay.

10                   Any questions?

11                   MR. FILOROMO: Let me just add a  
12 little bit to that. We've had our share of falls  
13 and any one of those could have been a fatality. So  
14 that's why we're becoming so concentrated on the zip  
15 line. There's been a lot of fatalities around the  
16 country, you've probably already heard. So that's  
17 part of the reason.

18                   The other thing he mentioned about  
19 the operator training, which is probably the biggest  
20 target and that's true. And we find a lot of places  
21 that have good training - and this isn't just zip  
22 line, this is everywhere. Great training, no  
23 enforcement, no supervision.

24                   So if you have a good program and you  
25 don't supervise or enforce program it's like you



1 don't have it after a little while. So you got to  
2 keep them on their toes, and we're going to also  
3 stress across the board, supervision of operator  
4 training and operations. That is all.

5 CHAIR: Just wanted to update folks.  
6 So we've been entertaining high ropes and zip lines  
7 pretty regularly since I've been on board, which is  
8 12 years ago. We have more than a couple. So  
9 there's easily 18 large zip line/high ropes courses  
10 sprinkled throughout Pennsylvania. Obviously we  
11 will see them in concentrated areas.

12 They spring up, right, and you'll see  
13 one off zip lines at agro tourism events. These are  
14 low to the ground versus ones that are manufactured,  
15 or an arborist comes in and attaches to a tree or a  
16 group of trees.

17 As Randall alluded to in the  
18 beginning, we still attribute a lot of our knowledge  
19 to the ACCT standard. Right? They write the book,  
20 we oversee it.

21 We have taken measures to interact  
22 with all these operators, especially the older  
23 operators, to encourage them and continually  
24 encourage them to update their equipment, not just  
25 their harness and safety equipment, but also the

1 primary method in which they're going along. The  
2 continuous is absolutely the way to go.

3 Over and over again, we're trying to  
4 remove operator error out of the equation wherever  
5 possible by encouraging operators to use equipment  
6 that takes that out of the equation. So a  
7 continuous delay. Once you're on the track, they  
8 witness it and secure to that person, unless they  
9 interfere with it, they can't get off of it.

10 The other piece that we always have a  
11 concern with, especially when you're detaching and  
12 reattaching, is do these organizations, these  
13 businesses, have eyes on the individual as they  
14 navigate throughout the different obstacles on their  
15 course where they can affect the adjustment of their  
16 harness?

17 So as we're all aware, the safety  
18 equipment is prescribed to be worn a certain way.  
19 It's not always most comfortable. So as people  
20 navigate from obstacle to obstacle, if they have the  
21 ability to influence the wear of their safety  
22 equipment, that also compromises their ability to  
23 navigate safely throughout all these different  
24 obstacles.

25 So, we have grown immensely in our

1 knowledge, and every time we go out, we learn  
2 something new and we offer that to these operators.  
3 And in many cases, we require enforcement of new  
4 mandates.

5           So anywhere there's an accident, even  
6 a reported one, we focus on something different  
7 every year and reinforce where we've gone in the  
8 past. This will be the year of high ropes and zip  
9 lines, where we make a concerted effort to go out  
10 and bring all of our lessons learned to these  
11 operators in hopes of avoiding even one minor or  
12 major accident.

13           So whatever we can do to save  
14 somebody is what we're going to do. So along with  
15 their normal duties, that is our mandate for this  
16 year. That is Joe's desire, and that is what will  
17 happen. So stick around with us.

18           I know that all of our QA inspectors  
19 typically have an area that they're responsible for,  
20 but I want you also to know that they travel  
21 throughout the state, both with their expertise and  
22 together as a learning opportunity to share  
23 knowledge amongst themselves.

24           Joe has forced me to provide  
25 equipment to them that allows them to share

1 digitally if they can't be in person to save time  
2 and efficiency, and still have that learning  
3 opportunity. So they're probably some of the most  
4 technically skilled people we have, which I think is  
5 awesome. So I leverage those four, five people who  
6 have hundreds of years collectively of knowledge in  
7 the industry, and they get to share it if they have  
8 an issue or a concern on a ride or attraction that  
9 they're not necessarily as familiar with, they're  
10 just phone call away, which I think is awesome.

11 In this particular case, though this  
12 may be in one person's general region, they'll share  
13 it with all the inspectors, especially for new  
14 stuff. So it's always learning for us, and we  
15 appreciate that opportunity.

16 Are there any questions from the  
17 board members on high ropes, zip lines, our ability  
18 to affect the use of safety equipment before we move  
19 on? Camp-Kon-O-Kwee, -.

20 MR. NESLAND: Yeah, I have a  
21 question.

22 CHAIR: Go ahead, Brad.

23 MR. NESLAND: Yeah. Do you ever  
24 require them to perform a rescue in front of you so  
25 you see that they can do it?

1                   CHAIR: You have to turn your mic on,  
2 Jeff. Yeah, we're confabbing here. Go ahead, Jeff.

3  
4                   MR. FILOROMO: We had done that in  
5 the course of investigation somewhere. Not normally  
6 in the commissioning.

7                   CHAIR: So as needed, Brad. But not  
8 normally something that we do.

9                   MR. NESLAND: Yeah

10                   MR. FILOROMO: It's a good idea  
11 though.

12                   CHAIR: It is a good idea.  
13 Do you have another question?

14                   MR. NESLAND: No.

15                   CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

16                   MR. NESLAND: For my preferences.  
17 I'd rather see them demonstrate that before they get  
18 approved.

19                   CHAIR: It's not unreasonable.

20                   MR. STRATHMEYER: I just have a quick  
21 question. So quick question, so as you're pulling  
22 this information together, it sounds like it's  
23 basically best management practices for this type of  
24 ride. Is that something that's going to be at the  
25 end, a culmination that you'd be able to now

1 distribute? And then also part of, as you were  
2 talking it through, Randall, it seems like there are  
3 certain places where to Walt's point of  
4 requirements. Meaning follow these best  
5 managements, but this could lead to requirements.

6 And then also, if I think I'm  
7 following you right, there's one attachment and then  
8 there's a second as a breakaway. Is that what I  
9 understand? That type of - I've seen that in here  
10 before where you attach it to a line and then  
11 there's a second, that, you know, if one breaks,  
12 you've got a second.

13 And really, I guess what I'm getting  
14 at is as you're going through this process, there  
15 are certain operations that have been around a  
16 while, and how forceful are you or where does the  
17 regulations or the laws allow us to mandate that  
18 they will be upgrading this type of activity?

19 CHAIR: Randall, you take the  
20 questions you can and I'll take the rest of it

21 MR. ARNDT: All right.

22 As Walt said, I'll take the questions  
23 I can. So, yes, there's normally with trolley, you  
24 got one connection at the trolley, and then there's  
25 the secondary one that usually sits on top of the

1 trolley in case one breaks away. That's only - I  
2 see. I might be missing one, but I think they all  
3 have that.

4 The part that we've been referring  
5 to, which is further failing - is the connection of  
6 the harness. So we're talking about - and that -  
7 are requiring, and that's where it comes down to.  
8 You may have to finish that part the question, just  
9 how to force them to change over and actually  
10 require double connection at harness.

11 MR. STRATHMEYER: Yeah, I just,  
12 again, I applaud you guys for doing what you're  
13 doing, but I just think that it's good exercise, but  
14 it's only a good exercise if you implement it. At  
15 some point there's got to be implementation. And I  
16 know that Walt can follow this up. So there was a  
17 reason I'm asking the question.

18 CHAIR: I'm going to answer Fred,  
19 then I'm going to go to Mr. DiDomizio and then Mr.  
20 Nesland. So let me offer - comments. So we work  
21 within the confines of the manufacturer's  
22 requirements and our law. So there's ASEM  
23 standards, there's our law that requires to meet  
24 certain standards and then the manufacturer kind of  
25 provides this is how you build it, this is how you

1 install it, this is how you maintain it. Right?  
2 And those are supposed to be in accordance to the  
3 existing standards.

4 So we don't have the ability to  
5 enforce unreasonable expectations. We have some  
6 area that says, as long as we can deem it as  
7 essential or we can tell you why it's not  
8 unreasonable that we have leverage to enforce an  
9 upgrade.

10 So there's new standards that take  
11 place, just like in home building. So when you  
12 change something dramatically, you have to meet the  
13 latest standard. So each location is unique and  
14 different, and therefore has a different expectation  
15 on one belay - so you can manual belay, you can auto  
16 belay. Right, so both are allowable in  
17 Pennsylvania. You have to do it properly. So we  
18 don't mandate one or the other.

19 Joe, do you have something to say?

20 MR. FILOROMO: Yeah, if we get to the  
21 point where we need a requirement, there's a  
22 provision in our law with the participation of the  
23 Board and the secretary to prescribe that  
24 requirement.

25 CHAIR: All right, now I'm going to



1 go to Mr. Nesland.

2 MR. NESLAND: Yes?

3 CHAIR: Your hands up. I don't know  
4 if it's still up from before or if you have an  
5 additional comment on this.

6 MR. NESLAND: It's up from before.  
7 It had to do with that evacuation demonstration.

8 CHAIR: Very good, sir.

9 And Mr. DiDomizio?

10 MR. DIDOMIZIO: Thanks, Walt. The  
11 question I have is about, are we looking at an  
12 application here? Because we have a paperwork  
13 filled out for it and a campus information to go  
14 with it. So is this just an information only, like  
15 something you're going to do in the future? I can  
16 follow along with that. And there definitely does  
17 need to be some definition put into this because  
18 there simply are too many injuries that we hear  
19 about.

20 But what is our purpose today? Is  
21 this for approval or is this just for future  
22 considerations? - for approval.

23 CHAIR: Yeah, we did not provide the  
24 completed information to you timely enough for you  
25 to review. So this is informational for discussion

1 only. We'll touch on it at the next meeting after  
2 there's been time provided for review and  
3 contemplation.

4 MR. DIMOMIZIO: Okay, fair enough.

5 CHAIR: To that end, any questions  
6 from the Board members on this particular subject  
7 that we've been speaking of?

8 MR. NESLAND: Yeah, this is Brad. I  
9 now have another question.

10 Does the - area need a fence?

11 MR. FILOROMO: If it's a situation  
12 where it's in a clearance envelopment, they'll need  
13 a fence.

14 MR. NESLAND: Okay.

15 Because I don't see anything about a  
16 fence on this stuff so far.

17 CHAIR: No, it has a deck. So them  
18 landing here as it's excluded.

19 Go ahead, Steve.

20 MR. GORMAN: This is Steve Gorman. I  
21 had a general question on zip lines. I understand,  
22 - I've witnessed it myself only once. But when the  
23 trolley is still able to move and they can pull the  
24 rider either way. But have you ever have a  
25 situation where it can't move anymore and something

1 failed in that system so that they're stuck and  
2 you've got to get them off with a ladder or  
3 something? And if that's true - in this case,  
4 they're not too high off the ground, it's probably  
5 going to - but if you're really high, I just  
6 wondered if that's addressed with these companies  
7 that just manufacture these cable systems, the  
8 trolleys.

9 CHAIR: Go ahead, Randall.

10 MR. ARNDT: Yeah, Stephen. They have  
11 procedures for that at these locations. Recently,  
12 maybe about two years ago, that happened north of  
13 Harrisburg here at Girl Scouts of Halifax, they had  
14 an incident. It wasn't a failure of the equipment,  
15 it was a patron kind of came out of harness slightly  
16 and was dangling up there and they couldn't pull her  
17 back. So they called in for the rescue people to  
18 come in. And the rescue people got there, they just  
19 were there to assist the girls, the staff. And the  
20 staff actually lowered the girl that was stuck up  
21 there and then lowered it to the ground. So they  
22 generally do have procedures in place for that.  
23 They don't want to use that, but they do.

24 MR. GORMAN: Okay, thanks a lot.  
25 That helps me understand. Yeah, I didn't think

1 about releasing them and lowering them down.  
2 Probably the center from the cable, right, and lower  
3 them down?

4 CHAIR: Yes, Steve, so as described,  
5 so a stuck person, a failure of equipment or failure  
6 of a person, they have to cover all of those bases.  
7 Most of that involves a staff member, group of  
8 staff members going out on the line and doing a  
9 manual save. Right, so they'll either harness them  
10 in place and keep them until somebody comes up to  
11 them or sell mechanism to lower them down.

12 MR. GORMAN: Thank you very much.

13 CHAIR: Any other questions from  
14 Board members before we move on?

15 All right, we'll give Yvonne an  
16 opportunity to put up Power Fun House on step SRL. I  
17 saw Mr. Swika just smile over there. Joe, why don't  
18 you give us a little overview of what we're looking  
19 at?

20 MR. FILOROMO: Talking to the owner,  
21 it's a new European fun house. - review and that  
22 seems to be heavy built. A lot of the common  
23 problems we find with this type of fun house, they  
24 seem to be in an attempt to engineer out of them.  
25 This will be - Power Fun Show.

1                   BOARD MEMBER: Powers & Thomas  
2 Entertainment?

3                   MR. FILOROMO: Powers & Thomas,  
4 right. So Powers & Thomas is now taking over  
5 amusements of Rochester or Power's Great American  
6 Midways contract. So we'll probably be seeing this  
7 at the Allentown fair and some of the other fairs  
8 out west in Pennsylvania.

9                   CHAIR: Is that all?

10                  MR. FILOROMO: That is all.

11                  CHAIR: All right.

12                  As Board members, as we've just  
13 described, this is for discussion. Again, we were  
14 just getting the final set of material together for  
15 your consideration and review. This is a  
16 circumstance that this will potentially operate  
17 before your next Board meeting. So we will issue it  
18 a conditional approval. That conditional approval  
19 will state the Board will have their opportunity to  
20 review and complete the packet, offer their  
21 questions or concerns before it becomes a final  
22 approval.

23                  Actually, we'll have two Board  
24 sessions for that. Brand new, shipped from  
25 manufacturer, set up for our review. I know that we

1 have a Board member here that probably has some  
2 insight on what it takes to purchase, operate, and  
3 move this. Any insights, Mr. Swika?

4 MR. SWIKA: Yeah. I just saw one of  
5 these exact same thing the Reithoffer shows had. I  
6 saw it Fort Myers three or four weeks ago I was down  
7 there. This thing is built beautiful. It's like a  
8 tank. It costs a lot of money. I was told in in  
9 the \$700,000 range, but stainless fence, I mean,  
10 this thing is nothing flimsy. It's two stories and  
11 it's pretty much open. You can see there's really  
12 no place to hide in there. It's absolutely  
13 gorgeous. I saw it. I looked at it.

14 BOARD MEMBER: Did you put it on  
15 layaway?

16 MR. SWIKA: No, no. I don't know,  
17 that's a little - I'm not sure I want to pull the  
18 trigger on something like that.

19 But just from looking at the one I  
20 saw Reithoffer has, it's gorgeous. It's built like  
21 a tank, and it's from the same exact company. It's  
22 New York New York. It's - the same thing and  
23 everything, so.

24 CHAIR: So, let me add, I'm going to  
25 put you on the spot. So, when we're approving this

1 and it's structurally sound, would you agree that  
2 it's all tear down, set up, and operation that we  
3 should be paying attention to since it is a tank,  
4 it's all about where you put it, how you put it up,  
5 and what to expect once it's up and running?

6 MR. SWIKA: Well, it folds up pretty  
7 nice and slick, and this stuff's getting engineered  
8 better all the time. But again, them guys can break  
9 anything on tear down or setup. So you basically  
10 got to look it over. When you see it on the midway,  
11 it's going to be portable. And Powers & Thomas,  
12 they're a pretty class act. They got some pretty  
13 good people around them, and they take good care of  
14 their stuff. But again, you got to just look at  
15 where they put it up and down. I'm sure hinges and  
16 this and that over the years. You check out that  
17 stuff.

18 But like I said, this is built with  
19 pretty soft material. Shiny stainless steel fence.  
20 I mean, this stuff is heavy, heavy. And I think  
21 this thing will last quite a while as long as it's  
22 abused like anything else.

23 CHAIR: Thank you, sir.

24 Steve, I see you have a hand?

25 MR. GORMAN: I respect Mr. Swika's

1 opinion. I think it's pretty impressive. I think  
2 that for an inspection point of view, since it's got  
3 a lot of electricity running through and it's a lot  
4 of steel and it's disassembled and reassembled every  
5 move, I think that for inspection purposes, someone  
6 should make sure that it's grounded properly and  
7 there's not going to be any chance of electrocution.  
8 That worries me a little bit.

9           And then the other thing is, I see  
10 that it has an automatic fire extinguishing system  
11 in it, and sometimes those are forgotten to be  
12 checked by - maybe a third party should have at  
13 least annual review to make sure that - making sure  
14 that functions when it's needed. Other than that,  
15 those are my only two thoughts for inspection  
16 purposes.

17           CHAIR: I don't know if you were  
18 feeding Joe or Joe was feeding you information, but  
19 grounding is Joe's bane of his existence on  
20 carnivals and fair, so we pay extreme attention to  
21 how things are electrified and the manner in which  
22 they're electrified. So that will always be on our  
23 list. Thanks for the insight from the fire system.  
24 It's always good to remind us that we have to be  
25 paying attention to every aspect including emergency



1 lighting, right, for exiting.

2 Do I have any other hands for Board  
3 members?

4 Seeing none. Any other questions or  
5 comments on this? Again, this is up for discussion,  
6 not for approval. We see it again next meeting,  
7 likely for your recommendation.

8 All right. I'm seeing none.

9 Yvonne, will you bring up let's do  
10 the climbing attraction one. So we moved on to  
11 Sylvia Group and for consideration for the Board  
12 members, we have in Pennsylvania - I don't even  
13 recall. I'm going to say between 20 and 30 full  
14 time trampoline partners. Do you think it might be  
15 more than that?

16 MR. ARNDTT: It's 30 to 40.

17 CHAIR: All right, 30 to 40. So a  
18 decade ago, about ten years, maybe a little less  
19 than ten years ago, trampolines became - everybody  
20 wanted them. They were in backyards. Next thing  
21 you know, you have retail malls, strip malls who  
22 have space available in them that can be recouped  
23 for square footage, and you can install a variety of  
24 trampolines.

25 Along with trampolines comes a

1 variety of other activities. Ninja courses, warrior  
2 courses, dodgeball, basketball, anything that you  
3 can put a wristband on an age group, from little to  
4 adults and supervise that and let them go out.

5           So we learned pretty early on that  
6 this was going to be the primary location of most of  
7 our injuries. Do we still agree that's probably  
8 still true, that the bulk of our injury reports come  
9 from this and the water parks? So we pay special  
10 attention to trampoline parks because even though  
11 the equipment is generally approved, there's not  
12 that many manufacturers that meet all our  
13 requirements and offer them. It's all about  
14 installation and operation, and we beat that one to  
15 death, right.

16           So the installation, maintenance, and  
17 operation of equipment is what drives it. And  
18 though we have many of these pieces in some shape,  
19 manner, or form approved in various locations, we  
20 always require trampoline parks to make submissions  
21 for our review.

22           We don't ever rubber stamp them and  
23 say, yep, we've seen them installed, even though  
24 there's two primary big manufacturers here, Urban  
25 Air or Sky Zone, who take pieces that have already

1 been approved and install them in other locations.  
2 It's really about how they put them in and how they  
3 operate them. So we always require them to come to  
4 us.

5           What you see here today as part of  
6 this submission is in Air Court, we found out that  
7 we can't just give them one tag for the entire  
8 operation because there are pieces in there that  
9 they will exchange. Right. So now we've gotten  
10 smarter and said, though we may give you one plate,  
11 you have to register each individual piece of  
12 equipment or attraction that you have within that  
13 park. So we can make sure that you're not changing  
14 them without notifying us that you're changing the  
15 operation.

16           So much so that we used to do foam  
17 pits, we used to do padding. Now we're into fall  
18 remediation by balls. Right? Like ball pits.  
19 Airbags. So even that comes through us. So I just  
20 want to make you all aware that even though you  
21 might see a trampoline court or location, they could  
22 have climbing activities here.

23           In this case, they have individual  
24 climbing activities with clip and climb, auto  
25 belays, but they also have bouldering opportunities

1 that have specific requirements. We've seen them  
2 with trapeze pieces over a foam pit or some other  
3 fall -.

4 We've had an argument about string  
5 beds, high performance trampolines that are not  
6 authorized to be in a location at all, the ability  
7 to jump off height into a trampoline area, which is  
8 also not authorized under those conditions. Just,  
9 you name it, we've seen it. So we just wanted to  
10 give you a flavor that we don't always bring these  
11 activities to the Board, but they get scrutinized to  
12 the best of our ability every time.

13 Also a change, so this is an  
14 opportunity, so Philadelphia, we found out, has put  
15 your wristband on, go in and then disappear for a  
16 while without adult supervision. So we found a  
17 couple of places that are operating at a gateway,  
18 right? So you go in the door and they could go  
19 play. They were unaware that hey, they needed to  
20 register with us, their items needed to be approved  
21 with us, and that they had to have somebody actually  
22 observing the equipment to make sure it was being  
23 used properly.

24 So that's an ongoing item as people  
25 want to create new business models with this vacant

1 space that they are unaware or pretend to be unaware  
2 of the regulatory requirements for oversight. So it  
3 keeps our QA inspectors pretty busy.

4           We just recently had either Urban Air  
5 or it was Urban Air go carts. They figured out  
6 they're putting go carts and not only are these go  
7 carts faster, bigger, stronger, right, they've also  
8 now gone to multi story go cart tracks. Now we have  
9 two floors of go cart tracks in a figure eight  
10 versus the single story. We're starting to see that  
11 be prevalent.

12           And as we approve different models of  
13 go carts and all that encompasses with fenders and  
14 coverings and cowls for moving parts and operation.  
15 Go cart manufacturers are also requiring specific  
16 types of track and barricades. Just like you would  
17 see the F1 track in the real world, if you're going  
18 to have a car travel a certain speed, you have to  
19 have certain mitigating for if you crash into walls  
20 and barriers or turns. It's a new world we're in.

21           So we've been successful in keeping  
22 Joe from the one to one scale trains. We've been  
23 asked awful lot. We also have excursion railroads.  
24 Anybody ever see pedal cars on an excursion  
25 railroad? Who do you think covers that? When all

1 else fails, we do. So stay tuned.

2 Do I have any questions about the  
3 oversight of trampoline courts, the elements of  
4 trampoline courts? We're not going to go through a  
5 zillion and submissions. If any Board members like  
6 to see the submission of the warrior course or the  
7 soft play or any of the other pieces of this  
8 attraction, I'd just offer this as an opportunity to  
9 talk about it, what our oversight looks like, rather  
10 than taking a bunch of time.

11 Again, this is for discussion. It  
12 will be conditionally approved once it meets all of  
13 our requirements and we'll bring it to you for your  
14 specific questions after you've had a chance to  
15 review the submission. I'll take a breath and see  
16 if there are any questions.

17 Mr. DiDomizio, please.

18 MR. DIDOMIZIO: All right, thank you,  
19 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to point out that in the  
20 final submission it's simply too brevity is the best  
21 word that comes to mind. There's a lot more  
22 information that has to be included here. Now, I  
23 understand this is maybe an early on submission, but  
24 it does have the letter from the engineer. So I  
25 don't understand how that could possibly be approved

1 for such little information. So just take it for  
2 its word.

3                   The other very minor thing, it's not  
4 Sylvia Group. I can't even pronounce it. S-V-I-E-  
5 Y-A, Svieya, something like that. But it's not  
6 Sylvia. Just a little bit of housekeeping there.  
7 That's it.

8                   CHAIR: I appreciate you keeping us -  
9 . I agree that we put the submissions together in  
10 form and format for you for the information that we  
11 had at the time to make it easier for you to look  
12 at. But I also agree, since we're discussing it,  
13 I'm not asking for your consideration. Most of  
14 these items are not complete, which is why they're  
15 not before the Board now for your consideration.

16                   MR. DIDOMIZIO: Thank you, sir.

17                   CHAIR: Absolutely. Seeing no other  
18 questions about the submissions that were brought up  
19 today and discussed, we'll move on to G, Board  
20 member comments. So I'm going to go first come,  
21 first serve. I will look around the room, get  
22 acknowledge of the Board members here. If they do  
23 have any comments, then I'll move to the online.  
24 Are there any comments from Board members? Please  
25 turn your microphone on.

1                   MR. SPANG: We've mentioned training  
2 several times.

3                   MS. BROWN: Mr. Spang, turn you  
4 microphone on.

5                   CHAIR: Thank you.

6                   MR. SPANG: We mentioned training  
7 several times today, and I think that's something  
8 that is on everybody's radar. But there's one other  
9 shoot to that foot, and that is documentation. Your  
10 workers, when you train them, I'm sure you know it,  
11 a lot of times, especially after the pandemic,  
12 simple things are getting overlooked because we had  
13 a two and a half year hiatus. So the bottom line is  
14 training, yes. Inspection, yes. Documentation is  
15 just as important.

16                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

17                   CHAIR: Thank you.

18                   Mr. DiDomizio, I see your hand is  
19 raised, please?

20                   MR. DIDOMIZIO: Yeah, just going back  
21 to the items we looked at. Now, maybe they were  
22 already covered, but I remember there was, I think -  
23 , if I'm pronouncing that correctly. There were  
24 some items that we didn't look over. Were they  
25 actually discussed or talked about, but dismissed



1 it?

2 CHAIR: You didn't miss - the items  
3 on the agenda are what were up for discussion today.  
4 We have some specific material for you from the  
5 previous meeting that we need to make a time  
6 specifically for you to discuss the items that you  
7 are still pending. So those are still good on our  
8 agenda for you specifically, but not on the agenda  
9 today for discussion.

10 MR. DIDOMIZIO: Understood. Thank  
11 you.

12 CHAIR: Absolutely.

13 Mr. Nesland?

14 MR. NESLAND: Yeah, I have a question  
15 about the recertification for inspectors. We're no  
16 longer going to accept CEUs from any training that  
17 happens outside of Pennsylvania. I had a hard time  
18 with why the geographic location of training makes a  
19 difference.

20 CHAIR: I'm going to answer your  
21 question.

22 Mr. Gorman, do you have your hand up  
23 as a follow on comment for that?

24 MR. GORMAN: I can bring this subject  
25 to discussion. Several people have called me in the

1 past month that have interest in the few seminars  
2 that - that traditionally have been accepted by the  
3 state for continuing credit. And that's the AIMS  
4 Seminar and also the NAARSO Seminar. And then we've  
5 had some discussions. I had discussions with Joe  
6 and Walter about it, too. In October, I guess -  
7 Walt, if you could maybe explain the process that  
8 has been updated for them to get approved, then  
9 maybe we can continue the discussion.

10 But I feel like, from my  
11 understanding of the situation, that we should have  
12 conditional approval for the people who attended  
13 those seminars just because they felt that from the  
14 past experience that they would be accepted credit.  
15 And so they're feeling like they weren't informed  
16 that their credit hours wouldn't be accepted. So I  
17 feel like we should just make a pass this year and  
18 move forward and let those people have the credit  
19 accepted.

20 It would better, Walt, if you explain  
21 the situation better than I can to the rest of the  
22 Board.

23 CHAIR: Happy to. And to answer your  
24 question, Mr. Nesland, I just knew that there were  
25 at least one, if not two, other board members that

1 had some discussion with me concerning this matter.

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3                   So, September 2023 in the long  
4 discussion about how we handle continuing education  
5 in Pennsylvania and our expectations, we realized  
6 that we wanted to do better. Pennsylvania wanted to  
7 do better. Everybody pay attention to Joe's face as  
8 I say this.

9                   So we had created a double standard  
10 by no fault of our own, meaning we didn't want to  
11 create a double standard. It just happened. So in  
12 all cases, the training happens in Pennsylvania, we  
13 attend, right, we audit. We ensure that the  
14 training being offered is the same training that we  
15 said yes to, provisionally, conditionally, on paper.  
16 Right?

17                   So there is a process. It's not  
18 arduous, but it does take some effort that we've  
19 outlined, and it's been in place for decades that  
20 says, if you want to have continuing education  
21 approved for Pennsylvania credits, here's what you  
22 must do. And it outlines, step by step, what the  
23 bureau, the division, requires to be submitted to  
24 us.

25                   And then the last piece of that is we

1 always attend in state train to audit to ensure what  
2 we have failed to do up until now, when we updated  
3 the policy, is to make sure that the same standard  
4 we're holding in state training to, we're providing  
5 the same opportunity for out of state.

6           So here's what happens to out of  
7 state training, not particular to NAARSO, AIMS,  
8 Northwestern Showmen, OABA, or anybody else who  
9 might request for continued education. There's a  
10 timeline specified in submission for training that  
11 says, hey, we need this information by this time.  
12 Most assuredly and not well communicated is so we  
13 can make travel arrangements to be there to go and  
14 audit that key piece to make sure the training  
15 that's offered to us on paper is actually executed  
16 in person.

17           So for the October 1, 2023 date, we  
18 updated our expectations for continued education  
19 that said there will be no approval for any to  
20 include out of state unless we're present to audit.  
21 What happened is what has happened in the past, even  
22 though I entered into a discussion with both  
23 National NAARSO and AIMS and Northwestern Showmen's,  
24 is we have a long lead time for out of state travel.

25           So we're not in attendance to ensure,

1 validate those continued educations because they did  
2 not submit it in time enough for us to meet our time  
3 requirements. That is a different circumstance than  
4 us not being able to go. Right? So two different  
5 moments of time.

6 Steve, I will take yours, Tom's, and  
7 Mr. Nesland's consideration on offering constructive  
8 continuing education to those folks who are were in  
9 attendance this past year. I don't know how that  
10 will go, but I'll report back to you about that.  
11 But I will tell you that we will not leave any  
12 Pennsylvania certified inspector in a lurch that was  
13 relying on training. Right? So, we will figure it  
14 out on their behalf, to their benefit, not to their  
15 detriment. Okay? That I will assure you. We will  
16 figure that out. We'll report back to you. But  
17 that's the deal.

18 So moving forward, we're going to  
19 have better communication with these trainings,  
20 these continued education seminars, and we're going  
21 to participate. I mean, that's what we're saying.  
22 So now we're going to participate. We're getting  
23 people to them. We're going to make sure that they  
24 have enough lead time to provide us the information  
25 that we require to get people there to be on time

1 and vice versa. Right?

2 So we want to be there to train. We  
3 want to be there to get training. We want to be  
4 there to audit. Right? And ensure that what  
5 they're offering as their training opportunities is  
6 what they're actually providing their customers.

7 Did that answer your question, Mr.  
8 Nesland?

9 MR. NESLAND: Yeah, that answered my  
10 question. Thank you.

11 CHAIR: Okay.

12 Steve, you good?

13 MR. GORMAN: I think, yeah, that  
14 helps. I wondered if those two seminars have  
15 virtual attendance possible, because if your travel  
16 restrictions prohibit you to go there, you could  
17 maybe participate in some fashion, virtually, maybe  
18 would help as well.

19 CHAIR: Yeah. So virtual attendance  
20 is always sticky. Right? So we first saw actually  
21 a pretty good attempt at that was NAARSO was here,  
22 and they put on an excellent training opportunity  
23 and they showed us their version of what verified  
24 virtual attendance looks like. Short of being  
25 proctored in small groups, right, where there's

1 somebody on that side to account for you, we don't  
2 know how we do an individual log in well and account  
3 for them. Though we did see a process that worked,  
4 we don't necessarily know that's the only solution.

5  
6 We've actually entered into  
7 conversation with ARA, American Rental Association  
8 as they do an awful lot of training also, in hopes  
9 of leveraging the best solutions to see where we  
10 land on the subject of proctored or virtually  
11 training. Right. So in this case, we know that  
12 hands on, in person is the best option. Perhaps  
13 moving forward there's an opportunity where we do a  
14 mixture over a period of time. We just don't know,  
15 but we know that we have to grow and learn with what  
16 stable and capable for folks. So we're leaving  
17 every option open.

18 I'm going to pause for a moment. Any  
19 more discussion, questions?

20 MR. NESLAND: I'm just wondering if  
21 somebody got their CEUs somewhere else, but in good  
22 faith, can we just extend their expiration?

23 CHAIR: That's likely what we'll do,  
24 Brad.

25 MR. NESLAND: Okay.

1                   CHAIR: We'll find a time for them to  
2 get additional training opportunities that we have  
3 on hand. But again, I have not -.

4                   MR. NESLAND: I'm concerned because I  
5 fall into this. I'm due for renewal and all my CEUs  
6 were out of state.

7                   CHAIR: Well, no, absolutely not.  
8 You're done.

9                   MR. NESLAND: Oh, okay.

10                  CHAIR: Every individual circumstance  
11 is going to be unique. We'll deal with them on a  
12 case by case basis to their benefit. Right. We're  
13 going to work with folks and figure this out. In  
14 hopes that moving forward after this hurdle of this  
15 small time period, we shouldn't have any problems.  
16 Right. I've spoken to the board members at AIMS,  
17 I've spoken to NAARSO, I've spoken to the  
18 Northwestern Showmen, and they understand what we're  
19 hoping to achieve and are willing to work with us to  
20 get the information to us in a timely manner to make  
21 those arrangements. So I don't perceive this as  
22 being an ongoing issue.

23                  MR. NESLAND: Okay, good. Thank you.

24                  CHAIR: Steve?

25                  MR. GORMAN: Mr. Chair, I actually



1 already.

2 CHAIR: I just see hands. So  
3 whoever.

4 MR. GORMAN: Go ahead, Tom.

5 MR. REBBIE: Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIR: Yes?

7 MR. REBBIE: Would you be open to a  
8 recommendation from the Board?

9 MR. REMMERT: I'm ready.

10 MR. REBBIE: Does the Board approve?  
11 Sorry there's background.

12 CHAIR: We know you work for a  
13 living.

14 MR. REBBIE: Would the Board be open  
15 to approval of those who attended all these courses,  
16 move forward into the next season?

17 CHAIR: You could certainly offer  
18 that as a recommendation, and we can discuss it. So  
19 what I believe, and I'm just going to paraphrase for  
20 you, is that Mr. Rebbie is offering that the  
21 department considers those folks who took continuing  
22 education that has normally been accepted in the  
23 past, specifically NAARSO and AIMS, that this last  
24 iteration be accepted as continuing education  
25 credits as we resolve that.

1                   Is that kind of what you were looking  
2 for, Mr. Rebbie?

3                   MR. REBBIE: Yes, sir.

4                   CHAIR: Very good. He has a motion  
5 for us to consider. First, let's go for a second.  
6 Is there a second to that motion? Then we'll have  
7 conversation.

8                   MR. SWIKA: I'll second that.

9                   CHAIR: I saw both Brad and Mr. Swika  
10 second it.

11                   Okay. Discussion on this? So did I  
12 get it wrong, Mr. Rebbie? Did I get it right?

13                   MR. REBBIE: -.

14                   CHAIR: Okay. So I have a motion and  
15 a second that the bureau accepts continuing  
16 education credits from this past set of seminars,  
17 2024, January to March from AIMS and NAARSO to be  
18 accepted as continuing education credits. That's  
19 your recommendation.

20                   Is that correct?

21                   MR. REBBIE: Yes, sir.

22                   CHAIR: Okay.

23                   So having a motion second, I don't  
24 see any discussion. I'm going to move for a vote  
25 from the board members and then ask for an

1 individual votes. So one at a time, identify  
2 yourself. Yes, no, abstain. So however you want to  
3 see fit, I'm going to go in the room. I'm going to  
4 ask Mr. Potter, yes, no, abstain?

5 MR. POTTER: I don't have a vote.

6 CHAIR: It's not necessarily a vote,  
7 right, so -

8 MR. POTTER: Yes.

9 CHAIR: - your -.

10 Swika?

11 MR. SWIKA: I say yes.

12 CHAIR: Okay.

13 Mr. Spang, yes, no, abstain? There's  
14 no harm in any of the ways or you can ask a  
15 question.

16 MR. SPANG: I am going to ask a  
17 question because I'm not sure.

18 CHAIR: Sure.

19 MR. SPANG: When they said going by  
20 Google, are you prone to doing it virtually instead  
21 of -?

22 CHAIR: So there are two seminars  
23 that were not approved because they did not meet the  
24 requirements of the updated policy from the bureau.  
25 So there's a national NAARSO training that just

1 occurred and an AIMS that is either occurring right  
2 now or will be occurring soon. It already happened,  
3 so.

4                   So there's two that typically offer  
5 about a total of less than ten Pennsylvania  
6 inspectors that submit for continuing education at  
7 either or both of those seminars. Currently,  
8 neither of those seminars are approved for  
9 continuing education because of the change of our  
10 policy. Mr. Rebbie, on behalf of the Board, has  
11 offered a motion that we accept those in good faith  
12 while we work with those continuing education  
13 entities to resolve the issue moving forward. So it  
14 was recommended to the bureau that we accept those  
15 continued educations for these two specific  
16 seminars.

17                   MR. SPANG: And are our education  
18 people okay with this?

19                   CHAIR: You're looking at our  
20 education people?

21                   MR. SPANG: Are you okay with this?

22                   CHAIR: You can speak. Go ahead. He  
23 asked you a direct question.

24                   MR. FILOROMO: Well, I feel like,  
25 number one, I don't know what's new about the

1 requirement. It's the same thing that Gary and  
2 Philip are doing for years. And the other thing is,  
3 I think that everybody should go through the proper  
4 procedures the same as the PACE at Pennsylvania  
5 seminars do.

6 CHAIR: I appreciate the comments.  
7 Do you have any other questions, Mr.  
8 Spang?

9 MR. SPANG: I'm going to vote not in  
10 favor of it at this time, until a detailed report is  
11 given to us on what they must do to comply.

12 CHAIR: Okay.  
13 I'll paraphrase. I don't know that  
14 Mr. Spang - so he queried Mr. Filoromo about his  
15 opinion on compliance and then asked for some  
16 information to be provided. So he's either a no or  
17 an abstain, which in that case is the same.

18 So, Mr. Gorman, yay, nay, abstain.

19 MR. GORMAN: Aye.

20 CHAIR: Mr. Rebbie, yay, nay,  
21 abstain?

22 MR. REBBIE: Aye.

23 CHAIR: Mr. DiDomizio, same question  
24 to you.

25 MR. DIDOMIZIO: Aye.

1                    CHAIR: And Mr. Nesland, yay, nay, or  
2 abstain? He's going to be the guy here to ask, but  
3 I have to ask him. Are you on mute, Mr. Nesland?  
4 Yeah, go ahead.

5                    MR. NESLAND: Yeah, I'm unmuted. I'm  
6 going to abstain because this directly affects me.

7                    CHAIR: Very good.

8                    All right, thank you all for your -  
9 your will has been offered, and we'll take it under  
10 consideration. What I'll offer back to the Board is  
11 we'll provide a wrap up of who it's affecting and  
12 how and offer, and if we can't resolve individual  
13 circumstances, we'll report that to the Board, too.  
14 But you have my word that we will resolve continued  
15 education for those that may be affected.

16                    Is there any other Board member with  
17 comment?

18                    MR. GORMAN: Well, I was cutting in  
19 and out. What was the final?

20                    CHAIR: Yeah, it was four yay, two  
21 abstained, one nay. Unless it's three abstained.  
22 So it depends on how we categorize Mr. Spang's vote.

23                    So I hear the will of the Board  
24 members. I understand the ask, and I will report  
25 back to you what the ultimate decision is. But we

1 heard you.

2 Is that a fair answer?

3 MR. GORMAN: Yes.

4 CHAIR: And perhaps for Mr. Spang,  
5 because this is probably his second opportunity with  
6 us. So the Advisory Board, though rarely, does  
7 offer its opinion, which is what it's in place for.  
8 We have only in the past utilized the bulk of the  
9 sufficiency for ride approvals. But you're not  
10 limited to offering recommendations solely for ride  
11 approvals.

12 So this recommendation from the Board  
13 is absolutely within the scope of what we expect  
14 from boards to provide us to become better and more  
15 efficient in what we do. So it's not out, of  
16 course, but the Board is just a recommended body.  
17 It does not take a vote yay on nay. It is not -.  
18 Although you can put me in some hot water if you  
19 wanted to.

20 All right, I will go back and offer  
21 again, is there any other comments for Board  
22 members?

23 MR. SPANG: Thank you to the  
24 inspection team for showing up at the state fair  
25 meeting in Hershey. Their attendance was well

1 received by everybody, and it's law enforcement 101.  
2 Get to meet the people you work with and it makes  
3 your job easier down the road. Thank you again, Mr.  
4 Chair.

5 CHAIR: Based on Mr. Spang's input  
6 and some conversations moving forward, we will  
7 always have a present at that meeting where we will  
8 have a table moving forward. So I appreciate you  
9 identifying a place that we could service more  
10 customers. So from now on, at least one of the days  
11 of the fair convention, but likely a day and a half  
12 where most of the people come in will be there.

13 Do you want your chance in the line?

14 All right. I'm going to offer public comment, not  
15 necessarily of the workings of the Board, but I know  
16 that we usually have industry members who want to  
17 inform the Board and the department of the going ons  
18 of the industry. So I'd like to recognize Mr. Gary  
19 Chubb. I don't know who you represent today, so  
20 you'll have to let us know. Please spell your last  
21 name.

22 MR. CHUBB: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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24 Gary Chubb, C-H-U-B-B. And I appreciate the shout  
25 out for both seminars earlier in the meeting for -



1 Seminar as well as the PACE Seminars. Just want to  
2 announce that the 2024 PACE Seminar dates have been  
3 finalized within the last week or so here. And it  
4 looks like Pace Seminar will be going to Bloomsburg,  
5 Pennsylvania this year on Tuesday, October 29th  
6 through Friday, November 1st. Classes will be at  
7 Bloomsburg State University. We anticipate a hands  
8 on day at -. You can expect the required paperwork  
9 to be submitted within the time frame that has been  
10 outlined within the guidelines of Director Remmert's  
11 September 26th memorandum.

12 CHAIR: I'd now offer Mr. Chubb on  
13 behalf of PACE if there's anything additional you  
14 would like us to provide support for, classroom  
15 training similar to that we've offered other in  
16 state locations or testing. Please let us know your  
17 needs and we'll do our best as we work.

18 MR. CHUBB: As we move forward with  
19 the planning process we will be sure to include  
20 communication with the bureau on those subjects.  
21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIR: It's always a pleasure to see  
23 you, Mr. Chubb.

24 Now, we looked - time back. Okay, I  
25 got the non. That was Tuesday, Friday, end of

1 October to November. End of last year.

2 As we always search for at the end of  
3 a long day, and this hasn't been that long, it's  
4 certainly very productive, is there a recommendation  
5 to adjourn? Oh, I see a bunch of hands. You'll win  
6 today, Mr. DiDomizio. Is there a second?

7 MR. DIDOMIZIO: So moved.

8 CHAIR: You can't move your own  
9 motion. I see a bunch of other people. So I see a  
10 motion and a second. No discussion. All those in  
11 favor, please respond by saying aye.

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: Thank you all for attending.  
14 We are adjourned.

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16 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 11:42 A.M.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, a meeting held before Chairman Remmert, was reported by me on March 11, 2024 and that I, Rachel Wilbur-Adams, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 15th day of April, 2024



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

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