



MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023
8:00 to 9:30 AM EST
JW Marriott – White River Ballroom A
Indianapolis, Indiana

Attendees:

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IL : Secretary Omer Osman	MI : Director Bradley Wieferich
IN : Commissioner Michael Smith	MN : Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger
IO : Director Scott Marler	MO : Director Patrick McKenna
KS : Secretary Calvin Reed	OH : Director Jack Marchbanks
KY : Jason Siwula	WI : Secretary Craig Thompson

1. **Call to Order** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
 - 8:00 AM
 - Recognition of MN Commissioner Daubenberger for her empathy for those who use the transportation system

2. **Roll Call** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2023** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**

4. **Update EDC 7 Strategic Workforce Development Commitments**..... **STIC representatives**
 - OH: See attached materials
 - IA: See attached materials
 - MI: See attached materials
 - MN: See attached materials
 - MO: See attached materials
 - KS – Secretary Calvin Reed
 - Started a program to get international work Visas for (HIB, EB)
 - Hired outside council in immigration law
 - WS: See attached materials
 - IN – Commissioner Michael Smith
 - 3622 employees is up 80 from last year, highest since February 2018
 - Employee engagement survey
 - Does a “Mike-check” video monthly
 - Solicit recognition

- IL – Secretary Omer Osman
 - Career Construction Training Program (CCTP) – started with 6 community colleges, now up to 14
 - Intense 10-week training program geared for economically distressed communities
 - Early on had a 40% pass rate, now up to 85%
 - Majority of the instructors are from the trades

5. Challenges and Opportunities to Increasing DBE Participation on Member State Design and Construction Programs..... [President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT](#)

- KY/OH
 - DBE Legal challenge on Brent Spense Bridge (BSB) filled in KY by two Indiana firms against the federal government (not KY)
 - Claims discrimination against non-DBE firms
 - Comes on the heels of the SCOTUS ruling
 - Despite the legal challenges, the programs are still law and a moral commitment
 - Ohio has a great partnership with KY, reciprocity with KY
 - Neither OH nor KY have a enough DBE population to meet the DBE goals for BSB
 - OH has a static population of DBEs
- WI
 - Went from 150 to 8 good faith waivers on DBE goals
 - Met DBE goals for each of the last 3 years
 - Unions are creating programs to develop DBE's
 - **DOES THE MAASTO BOD NEED TO DISCUSS THESE LEGAL CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR MOVING FORWARD?** – Include the MAASTO Chief Legal Committee (Collette Holt)
- MO
 - Published list of approved DBEs in a technical area
 - Some firms without succession plans are closing or consolidating
- MN
 - MN Chief Legal is the chair of the TRB Legal Council
- OH
 - Can there be shared credit on DBE spend on DBEs with reciprocity? Question to ask AASHTO and the MAASTO Chief Legal Committee

6. Optimizing Freight Mobility Among MAASTO States [President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT](#)

- Report out on Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers Summit (10/13-15/2023)
- WI and OH were well represented by their governors.
- Canada is keen to do more business with the US.
- Maritime is an underutilized asset.
- New president of the GLGP is Gov. Whitmer, MI
 - Focused on electric boats and Economic impact

7. Other Business..... President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT

- IA
 - Support for AASHTO President Elect Craig Thompson
 - WI – President Elect’s priorities: IJJA/BIL (the good stories), Safety, Workforce

8. Future Meetings President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT

- December 20, 2023 (Virtual)
- January 24, 2024 (Virtual)
- February 5-8, 2024 – AASHTO Washington Briefing, Washington, DC
- March 27, 2024 (Virtual)
- April 23-26, 2024 – AASHTO Spring Meeting, Madison, WI
- May 22, 2024 (Virtual)
- June 26, 2024 (Virtual)
- July 24, 2024 (Virtual)
- August 26-28, 2024 – MAASTO Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO

9. Adjourn

- 9:09 AM