
SECTION 305 NGENC Executive Board

MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2019

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

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

DECISIONS MADE

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

Chairman Curtit opened the call and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

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

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

3. Action items Review – Steve Hewitt:

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

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

Charger Updates from States and Amtrak:

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

4. Approval of the Minutes from the 12-4-18 and 1-15-19 Conference Call Meetings – Eric Curtit, MoDOT:

On a motion offered by Allan Paul, NCDOT, and seconded by Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT, the minutes from the 12-4-18 and 1-15-19 NGENC Executive Board conference calls were approved as presented.

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

Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans, provided the following update for inclusion in today's minutes (1-29-19):

Of the three critical Cab Car DCRs, two have been approved by the NGECC subcommittee – Carbody/Cab Construction and Cab Area Floor Height. The pending Car Length Over Couplers DCR has been withdrawn. Caltrans discussed issues with Charlie and Eric, and both are aware of our request to withdraw. A DCR regarding the PRIIA vertical curve requirements has been submitted to NGECC. DCRs for HVAC testing are in work to align the PRIIA testing section with the system requirements section.

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

The first 12 carshells are in production at Siemens Sacramento Facility and final assembly has begun on Carshell #1. Carshell #2 was presented for inspection, initial issues were re-worked and the carshell was accepted after re-inspection. Passivation rework is complete on Carshell #3 and carshell is in storage. Carshell #4 Car shell remains in storage pending scheduling for rework to passivated surfaces. Carshell #5 has completed passivation and carshells 5 through 10 are in various stages of weld and integration. The expansion of the Sacramento production facility is structurally complete and being equipped with cranes and fixtures.

Caltrans met with the ADA community on January 15 to present updates to the Café Car and Cab concepts and discuss the placement of the accessible toilet rooms. A meeting with the Midwest ADA community is in planning. Thank you SJJPA, Duncan & Marie for providing feedback on the revised café car layout. We will compile everyone's comments and send it to Siemens for review and considerations.

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

6.

Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Revised RFP – Steve Hewitt for Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT:

Steve Hewitt reported on the last update as provided to the Technical subcommittee on 1-24-19. Metro-North has reissued its Dual Mode Locomotive RFP as a federally funded endeavor. They are following the same process as before – a two phase approach – pre-qualification and technical proposals. The due date for prequalification statements is today (1-29-19).

7.

Update: Amtrak Equipment Procurement – Charlie King, Amtrak:

Locomotives:

Charlie King reported that a Notice to Proceed has been issued to Siemens for the Charger Locomotives. The current order is for 75. There are options for more, but, for now 75 seems to be the right number.

Single Level Trainset/cars:

An RFP for the Amfleet 1 replacement program for the aging NEC fleet has been issued. It is an RFP that is quite open on the specification. As it did with the Locomotive RFP, Amtrak wants to see what is out there and what options it may have.

8.

Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership WG – Eric Curtit:

Eric Curtit reported that the working group met last week (1-24-19) and received status reports from 2 of the 4 section team leaders (Revenue Service – Industry member, and Planning - IDOT). 2 team leaders (Implementation – Caltrans

and Long-Term Operation Maintenance – WSDOT) were not available for the call.

All team leaders have been asked to continue to work on their section DRAFTS and to send out whatever they have (completed DRAFT if possible) for review by the next scheduled working group call which will take place on 2-7-19.

The goal has been to have a DRAFT full report ready for presentation at the NGEC Annual Meeting on 2-22-19. Each section, to date, is in varying stages of completion, so a full draft by 2-22-19 may not be feasible.

There will, however, be a status update on progress made on each section of the report at the annual meeting. The plan is to ask each section leader to provide a progress report and an overview description of their report section. If there is enough drafted material ready to be compiled and distributed at the meeting, that will be done as well.

9.

Update: Document Control – Tammy Krause:

Tammy Krause provided the following update for inclusion in today's (1-29-19) Minutes:

Tammy reported that there are no real changes to the last Document Control update:

There were four outstanding DCRs and one drawing for the Single level Specification. One of the DCRs 003-0177 has been withdrawn; two of the DCRs, 003-0178 and 003-0179 are waiting approval by the Executive Board and DCR 003-180 is currently under review by the VTI group. The drawing is waiting until it can be approved by the Technical Subcommittee. The 92 trainset DCRs are still with the working groups.

Larry Salci, tasked to prepare the Single Level Car Review Panel Report, commented that, with the withdrawal of the car length DCR, he is proceeding with the report on the other approved DCRs. He had one question regarding the status of the DCR having to do with vertical curve. Tammy noted that the VTI technical working group has that DCR for adjudication. Brian Marquis is the team leader and has just gotten back to work following the government shutdown. Tammy will contact Brian to see where this DCR stands. Meanwhile, Larry Salci will proceed with completion of the Review Panel Report without the inclusion of the vertical curve DCR unless told otherwise.

Larry noted that he intends to have the report (DRAFT) done by the end of this week (2-1-19) and will send it to Steve Hewitt for distribution to the Review Panel members. Steve will also poll the members to assess availability for a call during the week of 2-4-19 to review the report.

The intent is to have the report and its recommendations finalized in advance of the next Executive Board call – 2-12-19 – when it will be presented for Board consideration.

10.

Discussion/consideration of approval - updated NGEC two-pager and revised vision statement – Eric Curtit:

Background:

On 12-12-18, the NGEC Finance and Administration subcommittee approved a change to the NGEC vision statement included in the two-page educational document and recommended adoption of this change by the Executive Board. This change will also be made to the NGEC vision statement, itself, from which the two-pager statement was derived.

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

The new two-pager statement, as proposed by the FASC, reads:

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This would pertain also to the general vision statement which would read:

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On the 1-15-19 Executive Board call, the recommendations for changes to the two-pager and vision statement were discussed with no action taken due to the lack of a quorum.

The Document Control Manager has provided updated information on the specification revisions.

The intent, today (1-29-19), is to ask Board members to approve the revisions to the two-pager and vision statement so MoDOT graphic arts can update and print copies for distribution at the annual meeting.

A motion to approve the recommended changes to the two-pager and the NGEC vision statement was offered by John Oimoen, IDOT and seconded by Allan Paul, NCDOT.

With no further discussion forthcoming, Chairman Curtit determined that consensus had been achieved and the motion is approved. Eric will ask Missouri DOT's graphic arts department to make the changes and print copies for distribution during the NGEC annual meeting. Steve Hewitt will make the change to the NGEC Vision statement on all correspondence effective immediately.

11.

Preparing for the 2019 NGEC Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency – Capitol Hill, Washington DC – 2-22-19 – Steve Hewitt:

Room Block Information – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC:

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400 New Jersey Ave, NW
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DRAFT Agenda:

Steve Hewitt provided a brief overview of the revised DRAFT agenda sent to all Board members prior to this call.

All speakers were asked to confirm their availability with Steve Hewitt.

All speakers are asked to use the NGEC power point template and to submit the presentation to Steve Hewitt electronically by 2-16-19.

Several speakers still need to be identified and confirmed.

As of 1-29-19 all Executive Board members, other than Oklahoma, have confirmed their attendance or have designated a representative to act on their behalf at the meeting.

Registration: All those expecting to attend the meeting should register with Steve Hewitt, via email, asap so that an accurate head count can be provided to AASHTO and so that name badges can be printed.

There are currently 53 registrants for the meeting. As of 1-29-19, FRA, due to the just ended shutdown, has not provided information on who will be attending the meeting other than Michael Lestingi.

Beth Nachreiner will check with Michael Lestingi to confirm that he will give the FRA update at the annual meeting, and she will confirm additional FRA attendance and provide the names to Steve Hewitt.

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Other:

With no other business forthcoming, Eric Curtit adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm Eastern.

The next conference call will be 2-12-19

Decisions/Action Items

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement as of 1-29-19:

See agenda item 5 in the minutes.

Metro North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Update 1-29-19:

Metro-North has reissued its Dual Mode Locomotive RFP as a federally funded endeavor. They will follow the same process as before – a two phase approach – pre-qualification and technical proposals. Vendors are currently completing the technical pre-qualification submittal phase. The due date for prequalification statements is today (1-29-19).

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern

Call in number: 888 585-9008 conference access: 559-120-127

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome and Open the Meeting | Eric Curtit |
| 2. Roll Call | Steve Hewitt |
| 3. Action Items Status Review | Steve Hewitt |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from 12-4-18 and 1-15-19 | Eric Curtit |

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5. Update: Multi-State Car Procurement Kyle Gradinger
 6. Update: Metro North – Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – revised RFP Ray Hessinger
 7. Update: Amtrak Equipment Procurement Charlie King
 8. Update: Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices/Lesson Learned WG Eric Curtit
 9. Update: Document Control Tammy Krause/Eric Curtit
 10. Discussion/approval Updated NGENC two-page educational document and vision statement Eric Curtit
 11. Preparing for: NGENC 2019 Annual Meeting – Hyatt Regency – Capitol Hill Washington, DC 2-22-19 Steve Hewitt

Room Block information – reminder cut- off date 2-5-19
Review revised - DRAFT agenda – firming up speakers/topics
Confirming attendees – Board Members - Registering with Steve Hewitt for the meeting
Timeline for Presentations (if using Power Point – optional) – **2-16-19**

12. Other All

Next Call -2-12-19