

Towing Task Force Meeting Agenda Items
March 8th, 2023
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of 10/26,12/14, 1/11 and 2/8 Meeting Minutes
3. Open Discussion
4. Public comment time

Attachments:

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Meeting opened at 2:15pm

Members present:

- Forbes, Trevor (rep for nonconsensual towing carriers)
- Howes, James (rep for insurance companies that insure towing operations)
- Peirce, Michael (rep for mobile home owners)
- Prunsky, Gregory (rep for local law enforcement agencies)
- Riley, Nathan (rep for Public Utilities Commission)

Members not present:

- Bailey, Nicole (rep for common interest communities)
- Chiriboga-Flor, Andrea (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Connolly, John (rep for a towing association with experience in consensual towing)
- Hahn, John (appointed by Chief of Colorado State Patrol)
- Hill, Robert (Troy) (rep for an association of motor carriers as consumers of towing services)
- Lawless, Nichole (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Rich, Charles (Brandon) (rep for consumers of tow services, private property owners)
- Riester, Jefferey (appointed by Attorney General, experience enforcing Consumer Protection Act)
- Ruscha, JoyAnn (rep for people with disabilities)

Also Present:

Roberts, John - (Attorney General)

Abdirahman, Hadija - (PUC Staff)

Llarelly Chairez Meza - (Public Comment)

Member Nathan Riley introduced administrative items; the Commission did initiate the Towing NOPR (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) based on the legislation from last year and this order was posted on February 22, 2023. As part of the decision, the Commission asked the Towing Task Force to refile the report that was filed back in November 2022, which currently resides in 23R-0085TO, into the rulemaking proceeding.

- Nathan Riley also asked John Roberts if that is something that can be decided without a vote by the Towing Task Force, since it is a report that has already been submitted. It is just a formality that needs to be completed.
- John Roberts does not see any problem with the Towing Task Force report being refiled without the approval of the Towing Task Force.
- The NOPR should be refiled by Nathan Riley, according to John Roberts.
- As a reminder, certain individuals who received the training during the Jan 11th meeting need to sign the compliance affidavit and return it, as well as individuals who watched the video of that meeting on the Towing Task Force website.

- Nathan Riley has been alerted by the Department there is going to be another round of board and commission surveys coming from the Department. Members should expect to get an email.

Since only five members attended this month's meeting, and eight are needed to approve minutes, **the minutes from the October 26th, December 14th, January 11th, and February 8th meetings cannot be approved. Motion for approval of minutes will be rescheduled for the April 12th meeting.**

Discussions:

- According to Trevor Forbes, the lack of engagement cannot fully be reversed because this occurred with the last Towing Task Force. The Towing Task Force attracted a lot of attention when it was announced. When it was in the news a lot, people were really interested in it, but now not many people are interested in it anymore.
- Trevor Forbes offers suggestions to members to encourage more participation. He suggested that the Towing Task Force meet twice a year. It is easier to get people to participate in meetings when interesting topics are discussed.
- Gregory Prunsky agrees that a few meetings a year would increase participation.
- Additionally, Nathan Riley stated that once the report was filed, there would be a period of deadness and members would reengage and want to explore these issues. He advised members to get someone appointed to cover a meeting if they are too busy to attend.
- In addition, Michael Peirce suggested that the meeting would be better attended if there were more items on the agenda that members could work through, rather than just open discussion. Many participants do not pay attention to open discussion agendas.
- Trevor Forbes notes there are not many items on the agenda, since the task force is limited to only two topics: nonconsensual tow rates and answering questions about complaints about overcharges. **However, additional items for the next meeting will be included in the agenda to increase participation.**
- To encourage other members to participate, all members agreed to discuss the CPI rates at the next meeting on April 12th.

There was one public attendee, but no public comment was provided.

Next meeting will be held April 12th, meeting adjourned 2:52 pm.