

## Unofficial Meeting Minutes\* April 13, 2019 Best Western, Jefferson City

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Dave Sims – President Dave Taylor – State Treasurer Aron Raney – SW Chapter Harry Hill – TEAM Lobbyist Robert Tripp – SE Chapter Kelly Didriksen – SL Chapter

Meeting started at approximately 9:15 a.m.

## Harry Hill Update

- The 2019 legislative session will end May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A lot happened in the last few days.
- SCR14, which would authorize the issuance of \$300 \$350 million in bonds to fund bridge projects and would be paid off through the general revenue fund. May end up being a hybrid plan because the state of Missouri is low on funding. The Columbia bridge project may start it off.
- Harry does not think the gas tax bill, SB430, will pass.
- The legislature heard testimony on merging of the two state retirement systems, MOSERS and MPSERS (SB499). Highway Patrol Association testified against the bill because why would we want to merge when our retirement system is outperforming theirs? Retired MoDOT employees also testified against it. TEAM was a big part of killing this bill in the past. A few years ago it came out that MOSERS was inflating numbers and had much lower funding numbers than stated. Harry does not think this bill will pass.
- HB499 automatically suspends the driver's license of anyone who hits a worker. Harry spoke in favor of this bill and believes it has a good chance of passing.
- HB416 (10 hour employee bill) does not appear to be going anywhere.
- HB1193 would require the Department of Health and Senior Services to administer and coordinate child care for state workers is not going anywhere either.
- HJR15 would allow MHTC to construct toll roads and impose and collect tolls has little interest and is also not going anywhere.
- HB649 which would change provisions (refined benefit vs. defined benefit) is not going anywhere.
- State worker pay raises passed the house which is good news. The bad news is there may not be funding for it.



• SB15 would enact provisions relating to the operation of motor vehicles while using electronic devices was heard on January 24<sup>th</sup>. MoDOT is not pushing for this bill, focusing on the hit a worker bill.

## **Statewide Financial Report**

 Treasurer Dave Taylor provided the statewide financial information. TEAM lost 80 members since September.

Next Meeting – General Assembly – Saturday, July 27th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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\*Not enough chapters present to approve minutes.