



Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2021
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
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Dave Sims – President
Dave Taylor – State Treasurer
Roger Wittes – NW Chapter
Aron Raney – SW Chapter
Kristi Little – SW Chapter

Mike Morris – TEAM Lobbyist
Brandon Cracraft – SE Chapter
Kelly Didriksen – SL Chapter
Tim Bumgarder – SW Chapter

Meeting called to order by Dave Sims, TEAM President at 9:07 a.m.

Mike Morris Update

- Mike needs a new email list, Kelly will send updated list.

[SB 238](#) (Tony Luetkemeyer) would change the make up of the MPERS board. Currently MoDOT has three members on the board and this bill would reduce the number of MoDOT board members to from three to one and adds a board member to be appointed by the Governor with a member of the public who has institutional investment expertise. The bill has been assigned to the Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee. There was a hearing last year on the bill, but it ultimately went nowhere. Director McKenna supports a change to the retirement system to a defined contribution plan instead of the current defined benefit plan. Question was asked as to why Director McKenna would want a change to the current system and it is Mike's understanding that McKenna supports a more private sector approach the plan which would give MoDOT the ability to offer higher salaries to more easily recruit employees. Opponents feel the defined contribution plan will weaken the existing retirement program. Active and Retired MoDOT Employees (ARMSE) support SB 238 and Mike wants to know if TEAM will support as well. Dave Sims will contact Director McKenna to see if he will be willing to attend a virtual meeting so TEAM to hear both sides of the argument.

Other than SB 238, the Capitol has been quiet. Several representatives have tested positive for Covid-19 and access to committees is limited. Things are moving but moving slowly.

Brandon suggests www.senate.mo.gov for more information on pending legislation.



- Dave Taylor: The budget is okay. TEAM currently has around \$16,000. Not having meetings and less money spent on lobbyist has helped. Dave will send out quarterly dues for the current and previous quarters at the first of March. TEAM currently has 1,571 members and that number continues to decline. We will gain some members and then lose more to retirements. Brandon will get Dave updated contact information so that Dave can send Kansas City Chapter quarterly checks that he has been holding.
- Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2021 by Zoom again. Dave will check with Patrick McKenna re his schedule to meet with TEAM and there may be a special meeting. Dave will notify TEAM if that is the case.

TEAM may attempt an in-person meeting for the General Assembly meeting in August but will revisit that possibility next meeting.

- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting – Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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