



**MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

January 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

This meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020. Members participated remotely and had materials provided to them prior to the meeting. Public participation and comment occurred via written communication, voice message and live public comment through conference call.

This meeting was broadcast virtually.

BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Chair Scott Darling, Director Robert Butler, Director Mary Beth Mello

OTHERS PRESENT: General Counsel Marie Breen, Managing Attorney-Corporate and Regulatory Eileen Fenton, and Noah Potash, Esq.

PRESENTERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Deputy Director of Safety Oversight and Planning Matthew DeDenato, Senior Director for Energy & Environment Andrew Brennan, Senior Director of Occupational Health Services Kate LeGrow, Chief Safety Officer Ronald Ester, and Deputy Director of Safety Assurance and Promotion Michael Catsos.

Call to Order by the Chair

Chair Darling called the meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") Safety Subcommittee to order at 10:40 a.m.

Noah Potash called the roll of the Members participating, being a quorum of the MBTA's Safety Subcommittee:

Chair Darling	Present
Director Butler	Present
Director Mello	Present

Chair Darling turned to the approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2021 Meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Subcommittee.

Chair Darling	Yes
Director Butler	Yes
Director Mello	Yes

Presentations and Discussion

Deputy Director Matthew DeDenato presented an update on the Safety Data Analysis Report (“SDAR”) for Agenda Item 1. Director Butler asked about the handling of escalator/elevator injuries. Mr. DeDenato said that staff track these injuries and have worked to ensure proper signage is in place to allow staff to quickly shut off escalators when incidents occur. Director Mello asked what follow-up actions are taken to address unmet performance goals. Mr. DeDenato said that staff review and discuss performance weekly and provided an example follow-up action—the installation of customer-facing signage following in-station injuries. Director Mello asked staff to provide more information on follow-up and corrective actions at a future meeting. Chief Safety Office Ron Ester noted that staff do create corrective action plans and said staff would return with more detail.

For Agenda Item 2, Senior Director for Energy & Environment Andrew Brennan delivered a presentation on the structure and responsibilities of the Environmental Department. Chair Darling asked if the department was adequately staffed. Mr. Brennan said that staff are currently creating a wish list and evaluating their needs, noting that they requested additional positions in their budget proposal. Director Darling asked if the MBTA receives any monies for its Resource Conservation work. Mr. Brennan said that there are some revenues from scrap metal, but that prices for other materials such as paper and cardboard are currently very low. Chair Darling asked if it would be possible to use those funds to reward employees. Mr. Brennan said that staff had done similar things in the past and that he would look into changing the structure of the program. Chair Darling asked staff to provide a copy of their wish list.

For Agenda Item 3, Senior Director of Occupational Health Services Kate LeGrow presented a review of Occupational Health Services, discussing the components and responsibilities of the department. Director Butler thanked Ms. LeGrow and her staff for their work to keep everyone safe. Chair Darling asked if there was anything the department needed. Ms. LeGrow said that continued support was essential, as Occupational Health Services protects employees. Ms. LeGrow also noted the importance of the MBTA's Covid testing program. Chair Darling said he would speak to Chair Betsy Taylor about a Covid presentation for the full MBTA board.

For Agenda Item 4, Chief Safety Officer Ron Ester presented and discussed a list of departmental priorities for 2022. Chair Darling thanked Chief Ester for his presentation and asked about presenting safety data for the Commuter Rail, paratransit, and ferry transport on a quarterly basis. Chief Ester said that staff could present data for the first 90 days of 2022 in April. Chair Darling said that option would work and asked staff to provide more information on elevator and escalator incidents at a future meeting. Chief Ester said staff would provide a presentation on escalator incidents in February.

Chair Darling asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

Chair Darling	Yes
Director Butler	Yes
Director Mello	Yes

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting of the Safety, Health, and Environment Subcommittee at 11:55 a.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

- January 26, 2022 MBTA Safety subcommittee Agenda
- Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Safety subcommittee meeting
- Safety Data Analysis Report - November
- Environmental Dept Overview
- OHS Dept Overview
- Department Priorities