



ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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JANE R. FLANAGAN
DIRECTOR

Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Board

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2024
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Crowne Plana Hotel, Winter Garden Room, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703

Call to Order: 11:34a.m - Jane Flanagan, Director of IDOL (Chair)

Roll Call of Task Force Members Physically Present:

David, Bennett, Chair -	present
Joseph Kagann -	present
Michael Sutton -	absent
Michael Clark -	absent
Jane Flanagan, IDOL Director –	present
Weston Sparks –	present
Andy Purvin –	absent

Quorum established

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DOL Staff Present: Jason Keller, Assistant Director; Brian Fox, ARAS Division Manager; Anna Koeppel, Legislative and Policy Director; Stephanie Barton, Deputy General Counsel, IDOL inspectors; Mary Pierce, ARAS Staff Assistant.

Opening Remarks:

Director Flanagan

Approval of Bylaws: No discussion or changes proposed

- Motion by Kagann
- Second by Director Flanagan
- Motion passes

Approval of Secretary:

- Motion to nominate Joseph Kagann as Board Secretary – Director Flanagan
- Second by Joseph Kagann
- Motion passes

Approval of 1/19/23 and 9/14/23 Minutes: No discussion or changes proposed

- Motion by Director Flanagan
- Second by Bennett
- Motion passes

New Member and Division Manager Introductions:

- **Brian Fox** – New Division Manager for ARAS as of June 2023
- **Tom Coe** – Chief Engineer, Tom Coe retirement from IDOL
- **Mary Pierce** – ARAS staff assistant leaving to take a different state position closer to her home
- **John Bowen**- Newly hired IDOL Inspector in Rockford, IL

ARAS Update – Brian Fox, ARAS Division Manager presented PowerPoint Presentation:

I. Old Business:

- New Application coming soon
- Fee structure for large inflatables
- Clarification of slide definition
- Ride operator training requirement
- Trampoline court rules 2022
- Adventure court rules 2021
- Updated ASTM standards

II. Approved changes to ARAS statute and rule effective 1/1/24 -Posted at:

<https://labor.illinois.gov/rides/aras-act.html>

- Operators must have a First Aid/CPR Provider on site
- Volunteers must be background checked
- Public Question – Do people who sell ride tickets have to background checked?

- Brian Fox – Not required by statute, but recommended.
- Add a 3rd tier fine for operating without permits
- Add a fine up to \$1,000 for any other violations

III. 2023 Summary

- **Inspection Statistics:**

Inspection Statistics



	Show Dates	Follow Up Inspections	Inspections Issued	Total Locations	Total Companies
2023	909	898	3,275	---	---
2022	930	568	2,608	405	249
2021	764	932	2,463	382	236
2020	555	116	884	167	148
2019	1,472	581	3,413	572	350
2018	1,552	1,183	4,292	612	375
2017	1,540	1,332	4,465	687	373
2016	1,443	1,042	4,307	667	399
2015	1,430	1,183	4,203	672	398

- 2023 Accident Report Summary – Decreased from 2022 Accidents

Cause	Number
Patron	21
Operator	2
Mechanical	1

IV. Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)

- ridesdatabase.org/cares will be shutting down in March of this year.
- <https://naarso.com/bulletins/> will still be active
- Pharaoh’s Fury and Sea Dragon by Chance have bulletins in second half of 2023
- Chance Zipper owners must annually complete DOL Compliance statement prior to receiving a permit

Next Meeting:

- Tentatively set for September 12, 2024, likely in Chicago, IL

Public Comment:

- Member from audience proposes to change September’s board meeting date stating the timing in is an issue.

Votes Taken:

- Bylaws approved;
- Joseph Kagann to serve as Secretary of Board approved; and
- 1/19/23 and 9/14/23 Minutes approved

Adjournment:

Motion by Sparks
 Second by Director Flanagan
 Meeting Adjourned: 4:34 p.m.