Technical Standards and Safety Authority

Minutes of the Liquid Fuels Advisory Council
Thursday, November 6, 2025

Minutes of the Liquid Fuels Advisory Council meeting for the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at **8:30 a.m.** on Thursday, November 6, 2025

Attendance

Present	
Brent Francis	David Sobel
Brian McBain	Terry Ablett
TSSA	
Gaya Nair	Iuliana Afanase
Gary Highfield	Andre Nurgel
Alexandra Campbell	
Guests	
Sunaina Menezes	
Regrets	
Steve Kuzmanovic	Laurie Marcil
Dereck Northcotte	Jennifer Stewart
Jim Wood	Theresa Espejo

Action Items

No action items from the previous meeting

1. Constitution of Meeting

1.1. *Safety Moment. I. Afanase discussed the importance of carbon monoxide (CO) safety, emphasizing the need for CO detectors near fuel-burning appliances. She highlighted the dangers of CO, which is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, and reminded everyone to check for symptoms like the flu but without a fever.*

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1. *The agenda was adopted as presented.*

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3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. *B. Francis moved to adopt the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting on April 1st, 2025. He stressed the importance of timely distribution of minutes to encourage agenda item submissions.*

3.2. *The council approved the minutes as presented.*

4. Chair's Report

B. Francis provided updates on the Liquid Fuels Handling Code, noting ongoing discussions and changes related to fuel consistency, biofuels, and ethanol content. He emphasized the importance of thorough review and proper implementation.

I. Afanase informed the group about an open consultation on the appendix in the code for the retail mobile fueling initiative, available on the online engagement platform. She encouraged members to complete the survey and provide feedback.

5. Other Business

S. Menezes from the Office of the Fire Marshall presented changes to the Ontario Fire Code effective January 1, 2026. Key points included enhanced CO alarm requirements for residential and care occupancies, new requirements for flammable and combustible liquids and dangerous goods, and targeted outreach and public awareness campaigns for different groups affected by the changes.

B. Francis and D. Sobel raised concerns about public awareness and the availability of CO alarms. Suggestions included retail signage and potential grant programs to ease the financial burden on homeowners.

B. McBain highlighted the importance of education and outreach, noting efforts to create information pamphlets for retail outlets.

6. Adjournment

6.1. *The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.*

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