



Technical Standards and Safety Authority
Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory
Council
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Minutes of the Amusement Devices Advisory Council meeting for the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at **12:00 pm** on Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Present	
Cindy Sypher, Chair	Kathryn Woodcock
Andreas Tanzer	Brad Burkholder
Andrew Gidaro	Chris Clarke
Darryl Shore	Michelle Playfair
Peter Switzer	Joe Tavares
Alon Shatil	Mike Cruz
TSSA	
AJ Kadirgamar	Iuliana Afanase
Sonny Silva	Kristian Kennedy
Danielle Fernandes	Joelle Javier
Olga Sousa-Dias	Alexandra Campbell
Dean McLellan	Craig Durnan
Guests	
Sheila Johnston	
Regrets	
Vince Brennan	Keith Brown

Action Items

1. Constitution of Meeting

1.1. Safety Moment

C. Sypher presented a safety moment on distracted driving for Distracted Driving Awareness Month (April).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes



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3.1. The council approved the minutes as presented.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an update on recent industry events, notably ASTM and TSSA's safety seminar.

5. Compliance Standards for Inflatables and Go-Karts

D. Fernandes provided an update, slated for development in May. She provided a brief background on compliance standards, noting they are a periodic inspection tool that provides a list of high-risk non-compliances, referred to as orders. Non-compliances that are not high risk will be considered safety tasks. TSSA does follow-up inspections on orders.

Consumer's Council representative noted that she always found TSSA thorough in its inspections, unlike other regulators. While she does not have an issue with a focus on high-risks, repeated non-compliance with safety tasks needs to be considered. AJ Kadirgamar replied that he appreciates the risks associated with long-term non-compliance with safety tasks. S. Silva added that permit issuance allows for visibility of incomplete safety tasks. D. Fernandes added that all orders are risk-assessed and multiple variables are considered before a risk score is assigned to an order.

P. Switzer asked if there will be future compliance standards for other devices in the sector. D. Fernandes explained that other compliance standards will be rolled out for most types of devices. D. McLellan added that where devices are few, there might not be a compliance standard. B. Burkholder asked if it would look like the WSIB clearance certificate so that there is documentary proof of a device's authorization. AJ Kadirgamar indicated that in the future TSSA may consider visible confirmation of compliance with TSSA regulations on devices. The Consumer's Council representative commented that there is no easy way for a consumer to see or verify whether a device is legal.

6. Issue Prioritization Update

I Afanase noted there were no new agenda item request forms. AJ Kadirgamar spoke to past items, notably mechanic accreditation, which is complete and the proposals for regulation of trampoline parks and climbing walls, which are



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on hold. On changes to incident reporting, an update was provided at the plenary session. S. Silva explained that input was factored in, and the reporting process remains status quo. The advisories are active and will not change.

P. Switzer thanked TSSA for having a forum for feedback on the incident reporting process. It went smoothly. Lastly, on continuous education, the item is on hold. B. Burkholder asked if ASTM stipulates annual training would it speed up the process of continuous education. S. Silva replied that the ASTM standards typically would not dictate training for mechanics, which is usually the responsibility of the jurisdiction in its regulations.

The Consumer's Council representative raised the licensing status of devices raised earlier and advised it should be added as a priority item. K. Kennedy indicated that since this item arose out of the discussion at the meeting, an agenda item request form should be generated for the Advisory Council to prioritize at the next meeting.

AJ Kadirgamar asked if there are any tariff-related issues with the amusement ride season starting soon. A. Gidaro noted that amusement rides brought into Canada are subject to tariffs. Trailers are not, but the amusement device is subject to tariffs largely because it is an industry heavily centered on the U.S. Tariffs can be appealed after importation, but it is not clear if industry will pursue that option. Stuffed articles brought in from the U.S., which is the majority, are mostly from China and are now heavily tariffed. Several members raised the issue of the movement of people from the industry across the border and the impact of stoppages by border authorities.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM.