



Meeting Minutes

05-19-22

<u>Member</u>	<u>Member Company</u>
Alejandro Baralt	Prince Contracting
Alison Sanders	Ranger Construction
Christopher Beck	Prince Contracting
Crystal McGowan	Road Safe Traffic
David Asselin	Ranger Construction
Edgar Espilco	Academy Training
Eric Green	Ajax Paving
Heather Hicks	FTBA
Jamie Bertoch	ACME Barricades
Jason Zyla	Shelby Erectors, Inc.
Jeremy Hostetler	Lane Construction
Justin Hogan	Pending
Krystal Strassman	ACP FL
Leonard Stone	Cone & Graham
Mandy Kustra	Ajax Paving
Maria Romero	Westwind Contracting
Mark Ligon	Vecellio Group
Mat Glas	BKS Partners
Morgan Reid	Workcomp Solutions
Pete Munilla	3MB
Peter Berrios	SACYR
Phillip Russell	Ogletree Deakins
Rex Roberts	Hubbard Construction
Robinson Boucan	Prince Contracting
Roy Schofield	RK&K
Stacy Heidel	FTBA
Steve Thomas	Walsh Group
Tina Pereira	Community Asphalt
Valerie Thiel	Caterpillar Safety Services
William Jeffries	Atkins Global
John Schultz	Guest
Sara Storey	Guest
Mickie Salter	Ferrovia Services

- 1) Roll Call, Housekeeping, Welcome New Members
 - a) New members were welcomed, and instructions were given to email Alison if it is your first meeting.
 - b) Minutes from last meeting were approved.
 - c) Jamie requested photos from Construction Safety Week activities from member companies.
- 2) Subcommittee Updates
 - a) Resource Development
 - i) Subcommittee will meet to plan improvements and changes to website.
 - b) Training
 - i) Bryan was unable to attend meeting, Jamie went over the updates Bryant emailed.
 - ii) Jamie asked members what everybody is doing in preparation for OSHA's heat stress NEP.
 - (1) Mark mentioned that Phillip had put out a recommendation email.
 - (a) Phillip advised that we don't know what the proposed rule will contain.
 - (b) Focus right now is on the National Emphasis Program. Be prepared for heat stress inspections.
 - (2) Steve Thomas noted that supervisors need to be trained on what to do if one of their employees is suffering a heat stress episode. Make sure supervisors know how to respond.
 - (3) Rex added make sure workers have opportunity to take breaks and have access to shade. Provide access to water and ice machines. Use air-conditioned trucks when possible.
 - iii) Morgan asked the subcommittee if they were able to obtain any info regarding a post-offer medical questionnaire, specifically related to heat or heart conditions.
 - (1) Phillip advised that a basic post-offer questionnaire template could be utilized, and questions could be added to target acclimatization to heat.
 - (a) Alejandro raised concern about compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - (i) Phillip noted that this is not an issue as long as the document is used post-offer.
 - (ii) Phillip added that the post-offer medical questionnaire is a valuable tool for managing liability.
 - (2) Mandy added that in conversations with colleagues she has learned of a few recommendations for dealing with heat stress such as hydrating employees with Pedialyte instead of water or Gatorade. Popup tents are not usually worth the trouble. Hydration is more important.
 - iv) Mark asked Valerie Thiel with Caterpillar speak about their virtual reality kit for employee training.
 - (1) The program has six different scenarios. Employees must make decisions while completing tasks with consequences for incorrect decisions. Has been found to be an effective training method for learning retention, about 75-80% increase in retention. Younger employees tend to grasp the VR learning more quickly.
 - (a) Mark asked what size area we would need for our July meeting to demo this program? Does it need WiFi? How is it used in the field?
 - (i) Wi-Fi not needed. Can be used anywhere. Software is loaded onto a laptop. Kit includes all of the accessories. A power source would be needed as well as a at least a 10 by 10-foot space. All of this comes packaged in a portable Pelican case. All you need is a power source.
 - (2) Jamie asked how we could set up this demo so members can attend? Valerie is travelling the week of our scheduled meeting.
 - (3) Stacy can offer August 4th during the FTBA Convention for a room for the demo.

- (4) A survey will be sent out to gather information on member availability/participation at the conference.

c) Technology

- i) Robinson Boucan reviewed what was discussed at the sub-committee meeting
 - (1) Portable AC Unit from Blas Auxiliary. Robinson shared a video and the website to show the device to the group.
 - (a) Mark added that the unite is supposed to last up to 18-hours. Subcommittee is looking at different wearables. There is one for monitoring heart rate and pulse, this is just one example of the types of wearables that are out there. If anyone else has knowledge of wearables, please share.
 - (2) Portable fall protection unit. Robinson shared link to the website.
 - (a) Roy asked if there was a demo of the potable fall protection unit with a larger person.
 - (3) Robinson also shared a video of the CAT VR training in action from the user's perspective.
 - (4) Technology sub-committee will meet on 05-25-22 to prepare survey questions to gather input from members. New members are always welcome.
 - (5) Mark asked what other technologies members are using to keep employees cool? Misting systems? Neck cooling towels?
 - (a) Leonard noted that the misting systems are not very practical in most circumstances and can even be a health hazard in some situations.
 - (b) Mandy mentioned that personal fans are popular with some employees.

d) Marketing and Membership

- i) 800 dollars of 2021's budget will be used to purchase gift cards for future use and the remaining 1,000 dollars will be given back to FTBA.
- ii) The budge for 2022-2023 was approved and begins on June 1. Budget will be used towards billboards, polos, booth maintenance, speakers for conferences, and lunch for in-person meetings.
- iii) Polos will be purchased for active sub- committee members.
 - (1) An email is forthcoming regarding gathering shirt sizes from active subcommittee members.
- iv) Pleas share any speakers you might be aware of for the 2023 construction conference.
- v) The next Sunshine on Safety is in the works. Goal is to have it ready for publication by June. Please send your updates to Morgan. Thank you to everybody for sharing Work Zone Safety week photos.
- vi) Jamie thanked the FTBA for their cooperation and help in pushing forward the FTBA SC's initiatives.

e) Awards

- i) All applications have been received for Safety Excellence Award
- ii) The subcommittee met earlier this month. There are 17 judges. Information has been provided on how judging will occur. A webinar was hosted to inform the judges. Judging will be complete by the end of the month. Heather Hicks is working with this subcommittee to facilitate judging and communication regarding the award process.
- iii) Jamie thanked the Awards subcommittee for their hard work thus far.

3) Open Forum

a) Phillip's items:

- i) FTBA Safety Committee live meeting at the Ogletree Workplace Safety Symposium on Wednesday, December 7, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside hotel

(1) Leonard asked if members should go ahead and register now? Phillip mentioned if you wait, there is a discount available which is in the works.

- ii) Howard Frankland job site tour lead by Steve Thomas with Walsh / Archer Western on Friday, December 9 (immediately after Symposium)

- iii) Jim Frederick is one of keynotes; panel of recently retired CSHOs

(1) Would be good to have him speak to the FTBA SC

- iv) We are anticipating some kind of registration discounts for FTBA members (maybe \$100 off per person) or for multiple registrations for each company, but not combined!

- v) Recent fatalities I have been handling. Some brief thoughts.

- b) Leonard asked members for suggestions/feedback on preventing pedestrian injuries and fatalities in work zones.

- i) Incorporate into traffic control plans, water walls, other types of barricades

- c) Phillip is looking for a trenching safety expert. Email him if you have any suggestions.

4) Upcoming Meetings

- a) White Rock can host about 20 people. Vans have been rented for tour of the quarry following meeting. Interested members will email Alison to reserve their spot.

5) Ideas for More Meeting Locations

- a) Jacksonville Transit Authority, Arbor Care (John Schultz shared a preview of what a site visit would look like).

- b) Will firm up details of in person meeting at Academy Training's facilities.