

Minutes by Board Secretary John G. Donnelly of actions taken at the Open Session of the regularly scheduled meeting of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) Board held at Floor 8E, Motor Vehicle Commission Headquarters, 225 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Present:

Raymond P. Martinez, Chair
Stephen S. Scaturro, Vice Chair
Walter Orcutt, Public Board Member
Laurette Asante, Public Board Member
Scott Kisch, Public Board Member participated by telephone
Gary Poedubicky, Attorney General Designee
Miriam Weeks, Transportation Designee participated by telephone
Adrienne Kreipke, Treasury Designee participated by telephone

Chair Raymond P. Martinez convened the Open Session at 2:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and followed with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval. Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved to accept the proposed agenda, Mr. Kisch seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

The Chair then presented the Chair's Report with these highlights since the December 17, 2010 meeting:

General Comments

- Welcome. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and New Year.
- We're already more than a month into 2011 and initially I thought that it would be our budget that would present the biggest challenges, but it looks like Mother Nature is winning that one.
- Despite the onslaught of bad weather, our folks have forged ahead with the many projects and initiatives that will be at center stage this year.
- And now I'd like to update everyone on what's going on lately.

What's happening at the MVC?

Budget

- Well before the end of 2010, we had begun preparations for the FY2012 budget season.
- Much like last year, the state is facing another tough set of challenges.
- From the MVC's perspective, our wise planning over the course of current fiscal year has better positioned us to face what lies ahead.
- For the next fiscal year, we will continue to focus on those projects and initiatives that will aid us in delivering our core services in an efficient, effective and secure manner.

Agency Overview

Agency Closings

- Since our last meeting, agencies in Bridgeton, Elizabeth and Wyckoff have permanently closed with nearly all employees shifting to nearby locations.
- As I noted previously, the decision to close these facilities was given careful consideration over the course of many months.
- We took into account various factors prior to focusing on these particular agencies, including but not limited to proximity to other facilities, lease agreements, transaction volume and statutory requirements.
- I am confident that our 39 other locations will continue to capably serve the customers who once utilized these agencies.

Inspections

Lodi Station

- The station will be temporarily closed until February 25 as the second phase of the construction project continues with the demolition and clearing of the old agency.
- We're directing customers to nearby sites for service.

Project Updates

Enhanced Digital Driver License (EDDL)

- Our in-house pilot for the next generation of driver licenses has begun.
- We've already notified our stakeholders, including various law enforcement bodies, that some of these new licenses may begin appearing on the street during the pilot.
- The first two agencies where the pilot will continue are Trenton and Freehold.
- We expect full rollout to be wrapped up this spring.
- We'll make a formal announcement sometime next month.

Other News

Gold Star Family Plates

- Last week I was honored to join Governor Christie, LG Guadagno and numerous families of servicemen and women who died in the line of duty as our state unveiled the Gold Star Family license plate series.
- These families, led by Gold Star Mother Judy Tapper, worked tirelessly to have New Jersey join other states in creating this plate. (REFER TO PLATE)
- The plate was designed in-house by the MVC's own Awn Rizvi and will be available free of charge to the parents, spouses, brothers, sisters and guardians who lost loved ones in service to our country.

- Although you may look at this as just another license plate that we offer, I can assure you from the reaction and comments of the families I spoke to, this small token means a great deal.
- I'm pleased that the MVC could be a part of honoring our fallen heroes.

Fraud Meeting

- Also in this last month, our Security and Investigations Unit hosted more than 125 law enforcement professionals at a one day seminar on document fraud prevention.
- Special Agent Keith Fowler from the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Homeland Security Investigations was kind enough to come up from Washington to share his wisdom with us.
- As members of the Board are well aware, motor vehicle agencies have the crucial responsibility of being part of our national fight against terrorism and other crimes that are made possible because of identity theft.
- And don't be fooled into thinking this isn't a real, live problem because it is happening all around us, everyday.
- Just two months ago, the fine men and women of our Security and Investigations team, aided by the state Division of Criminal Justice, were successful in identifying and apprehending individuals involved with the illegal sale driver licenses.
- The MVC will maintain its zero tolerance approach and will remain vigilant in training some of the best investigators in the nation.

The following Agenda Items were presented for approval:

Minutes: December 17, 2010. This item is to fulfill the requirements of The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act and of the Bylaws to approve the minutes of each MVC Board meeting, by approving the Minutes of the MVC Board meeting of December 17, 2010.

Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved the resolution, Mr. Orcutt seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

1102-01: Vice Chair. This action is to meet the statutory requirement of The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act that MVC Board appoint a Vice Chair, by designating Stephen S. Scaturro to serve as Vice Chair of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Board through January 2012. Mr. Scaturro is Director of Consumer Affairs for Ocean County.

Public Board Member Orcutt moved the resolution, Public Board Member Scott Kisch seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

1102-02: Board Secretary. This item is to meet the statutory provision of the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act for a MVC Board Secretary “who need not be a Board Member,” by appointing a current MVC employee, John G. Donnelly, Esq.

Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved the resolution, Mr. Poedubicky seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Donnelly thanked the Board members for the honor of being reappointed Secretary of the Board.

1102-03: 2011 Meeting Dates. This item is to fulfill the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act of 2003 and of the Motor Vehicle Commission’s Bylaws Article III that the Board adopt the annual notice of meetings at its Annual Reorganization Meeting.

Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved the resolution, Public Board Member Asante seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

1102-04: Motorized Bicycles Regulation. This item is to fulfill the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act to promulgate regulations for the proper functioning of the Commission, including this Final Rule for the re-adoption of the Commission’s regulations governing motorized bicycles. Jeff Pistol of the Office of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs presented the regulation.

Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved the resolution, Mr. Orcutt seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

1102-05: Executive and Administrative Service Regulation. This item is to meet the statutory provision of the Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act to promulgate regulations for the proper functioning of the Commission, including this Final Rule of the re-adoption with amendments of the Commission’s regulations governing vehicle dimensional or weight limitations, registration of commercial vehicles, insurance verification, uninsured owners and operators, the international fuel tax agreement, the Commission’s organizational structure, government records, MVC rulemaking procedures, and related issues. Jeff Pistol of the Office of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs presented the regulation.

Vice Chair Stephen S. Scaturro moved the resolution, Mr. Orcutt seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Presentation – Document and ID Fraud. A briefing was provided by MVC Director of Security, Investigations and Internal Audit Tom Flarity.

Chief Administrator Raymond P. Martinez and Director Flarity hosted a statewide conference for police and other security officials on January 20, 2011 at the N.J. Regional Operations Intelligence Center. The Presentation summarized those proceedings that were led by Chief Martinez, Director Flarity, and U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent Keith Fowler.

Presentation – MATRX. A briefing was provided by MVC MATRX Project Manager Sue Matthews and MVC consultant Steven Young of Mathtec, Inc.

MATRX is the acronym for "Motor vehicle Automated Transaction system." It is a project consisting of a set of 21st century computer components that will replace the existing 25 year old systems that process the core business of MVC. They specifically discussed MATRX Release 1 on Content Management and ID Management, which is the first launch of a new MATRX program by MVC that successfully took place recently.

Presentation – MVC Annual Report. A briefing was provided by MVC Deputy Chief Administrator Denise L. Coyle.

The Motor Vehicle Security and Customer Service Act requires at Section 22 that on or before January 31 of each year, that the Commission file an Annual Report with the Governor, the presiding officer of each House of the Legislature, and the transportation committees of each House of the Legislature.

Legislative Report. A briefing was provided by Legislative Liaison Jonathan Pushman on a number of legislative issues, including bills signed by Governor Christie regarding advertising on the exterior of school buses, Gold Star Family motor vehicle license plate, new motorcycle safety provisions, and amber warning lights on certain sanitation vehicles. Also, a bill near the Governor's desk would require MVC to establish a next-of-kin program for law enforcement's use in the case of a serious motor vehicle accident.

Public Comments:

No members of the public sought to make a public comment.

Chair Martinez thanked the Board Members, staff and public for their participation today and noted that Board Meetings are an important means of assuring the public that MVC is working to be responsive to their needs.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Scaturro and seconded by Public Board Member Orcutt and unanimously adopted at 3:05 p.m.