

Task Force 7/20/23 Minutes

- Chair opened meeting at 1:08pm
- The Task Force started the first item on the agenda and opened the floor for comments from members of the public
 - No comments were made from public members
- The Task Force moved on to the second item of the agenda- approving the Minutes from the previous meeting.
 - The minutes were approved with the inclusion of an acknowledgment of the presentation from the union representatives to close the first meeting.
- Delegate Patterson discussed the language of the original bill in order to ensure all members were aware of the legislative intent and expected outcomes
- The Chair addressed the issue of joint employment and allowed brief discussion
 - ATU representation affirmed their position that the issue of joint employment was the most important issue to be addressed by the Task Force.
- The Chair moved to the next agenda item and opened the floor for the discussion of driver compensation
- Mike Heim, Chief of Operations, Charles County Public Schools, presented materials from a previous presentation to the School Board.
 - Presentation concluded at 1:58 pm
- Discussion of driver compensation continued
- The Task Force motioned to move to guest speakers and presentations
 - Brian Nevin, Director of Student Transportation for Howard County Public Schools, provided a verbal presentation, comments, and answered questions from the members
 - Cathy Bendis, Director of Transportation for Harford County Public Schools, provided a verbal presentation, comments, and answered questions from the members
- A final presentation was provided jointly by the representatives from the Charles County School Bus Contractors Association at 2:53 pm

- The presentation concluded at 3:14 pm
- The Chair called for members to come prepared to the next meeting to discuss best practices and share recommendations with the group.
- Del. Patterson requested the Task Force receive a presentation on the County's transportation budget.
- The Task Force meeting concluded at 3:15 pm