

**Florida Transit Maintenance Consortium Meeting
(Web Conference)
January 21, 2009
10:00 AM**

Summary

CALL TO ORDER The regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Transit Maintenance Consortium (FTMC) was called to order on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at CUTR. The presiding officer was Joe Cheney.

PRESENT:

Bobby Westbrook, FDOT
Liz Stutts, FDOT
Ernie B., LeeTran
Jim Williams, SCAT
Joe Cheney, Lynx
Jeff Easterling, PSTA
Stephen Stark, TRB National
Hank Cusack, CUTR
And others.

Harold Tutt, BCT
Rita Wages, Citrus Connection
Jon Kavaliunas, PalmTran
Bill Attias, MDT
Gail Stewart, Lynx
Billy Johnson, PSTA
Ed Bart, CUTR
Vicki Zambito, CUTR

1. **Welcome & Introductions:**
Everyone was welcomed by Ed Bart.
2. **Approval of Minute/October 2008 Meeting:**
Motion to approve – Jon Kavaliunas
Second – Bill Attias
Approved
3. **2009 Roadeo Registration Update:**
On-line Roadeo registration is available. Ed Bart reviewed the process for the different types (contestant only/all others) of registration.

Training registration is also done from the site. The handbook is available for download. The driving course diagram is in process and will be available shortly. Bill Attias will get with Sylvia about the group block at the host hotel. The next Roadeo meeting will be sometime in February.

There were some concerns about the length of training from the FPTA board. The training is meant to be meaningful. Not just to review the modules for competition. The issued will be discussed further.

4. National Training Effort Update:

Some of the things going on at the national level are some new apprenticeship guidelines that have been released. The final rule was published October 2008. It says that there are three different ways of going through the apprenticeship program.

The first is a time based approach, similar to our 2000 of on the job work experience – four year program 8000 hours.

There is a competence based approach. They must demonstrate the acquired skills as verified by the program sponsor.

The third is a hybrid approach that involves completing a specified minimum number of hours plus the successful demonstration of competency.

Handouts are available upon request.

ASE – The transit series is scheduled to be completed sometime in the spring of 2010. One test from the series has been deleted. There are now 10 tests instead of 11. The body shop has been dropped from the series. They must pass seven of the ten tests to receive a Master designation. There is currently a 55-65% pass rate.

In addition to the current program listserv, there is a national site that is being hosted by CUTR. You can sign up for the national site from the TMAARC page. Remember to set your preferences when you subscribe. Decide how often you want to receive e-mails from the listserv.

5. TTEP Training Program Update:

Ed Bart met with Hillsborough Community College. The program should be approved at Department of Education, Tallahassee sometime this month. Most of the training will be given out of the VOTRAN training facility in Daytona.

6. Training Schedule Update:

The calendar year of training will be out shortly. Contact Vicki Zambito if you have any classes that can include other agencies. Any SMEs that are interested in conducting training classes at the VOTRAN training facility can also contact Vicki. All expenses will be reimbursed for SME travel.

7. 2010 Engine Requirement (Urea):

Jon Kavaliunas asked if any research had been done on the “how to” for this regulation.

8. Old/New Business:

No old business.

New business – A new Chairperson will be voted in at the April meeting.

9. Next Meeting

April 29, 2009

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