



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AMUSEMENT RIDE AND ATTRACTION SAFETY BOARD**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday January 16, 2025**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Illinois Department of Labor**

**524 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**Springfield, IL 62701**

**CALL TO ORDER .....Chair**

**ROLL CALL ..... IDOL**

**Jennifer Akhter present in -person Springfield**

**David Bennet. -WEBEX off site – not counted for quorum or votes**

**Joseph Kagann – Present – in person Springfield**

**Jane Flanagan – Present – in -person at IDOL Chicago Location**

**Andrew Purvin – Absent**

**Dan – Absent ?**

**Weston Spark – present in person Springfield**

**Michael Clark – present in person Springfield**

**present 5 of 9 –**

**Quorum Met**

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO BYLAWS .....Chair**

**Motion to approve – Clark**

**Send – Jennifer Akhter**

**Passes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.....Chair**

- Board Meeting of January 11, 2024

- Motion M. Clark

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sparks

- Motion passes

- Board Meeting of September 12, 2024
  - Motion M. Clark
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Akhter
  - Motion passes

**OLD BUSINESS .....** Division Manager

- Implementation update for changes to statute effective 1/1/24
- Brian – Update to 1/1/24 – going well. Overall very happy and good response.
- PP Presentation-

**NEW BUSINESS.....**Division Manager

- Introduction of New Inspectors in Division
  - Margaret retired, and Robert Kambough replacement in training. At AIMS conference with 2 other inspectors for training. We are happy with inspectors and 1 additional to be hired for Peoria area, and interviews start next week. Two new staff - , Mohammed, New Chief Ride Engineer and started in September 2024. Brian after 9 months with engineer, glad to have him on board. Wilson, admin assistant assisting with application.
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- Changes to Administrative Rules –
  - Proposed not enacted, reflecting and clarifying 2024 law changes. On Website.
- Department Update Power Point
  - 1/1/24 – Rule Changes
    - Operator must have First Aid/CPR provider on site – really enforcing.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> day operating w/o permit, 2<sup>nd</sup> day \$5,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> day now up to \$10,000 per day per attraction
    - Volunteers must be background checked.
    - Permits reviewed
    - Accident Reports reviewed.
- New Application Demonstration – Brian is very excited to announce new permit process application. On website. Instruction for public ID – Login credentials. Enter routes for permanent location.
  - In law, if application is not submitted within 30 days, there is a \$250.00 expedite fee. If mitigating circumstance, reach out and we can work with you other than you just forgot and we can consider.
  - Public Comment – as long application is paid and fee in 30 day in advance, you are okay.
  - Brian - correct.
  - Public Comment - Will rides all be pre-generated?
  - Brian – more feature coming, but yes, all of your rides should be entered with an initial

data pull. You could see old rides you don't have or a new ride is not there . You will need to check and verify.

- PC – What about routes? A lot of company run the same routes.
  - Brian: Good idea and we will put that on the list to see if we can integrate the routes.
  - Brian – Rides list – and should be able to see inspection reports 3-4 months.
  - Brian – New system, we have to approve you. We have a lot of emails and companies in here. Most of time will be same day access, but not always, want to verify.
  - PC – You have everyone emails, but not a notice email to this meeting?
  - Insurance – can also upload proof of insurance.
  - Third Party Inspections can be uploaded
  - Brian – Think overall everyone should be happy with this system but may need improvements and let us know and we are open to improvements, such as the suggestion to populate ride route.
  - PC – What about two units on same date.
  - Brian – yes, two locations.
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- Tentative 2025 Fall Meeting Location and Time – Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:00pm-4:00pm, IDOL office Chicago.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS .....Members of the Public**

**PC – Anyone want to address the Board:**

**Bill Johnson – Fantasy amusement – location complained DOL and time is bad, and then Crown Plaza. How to get for free so more owners can be here.**

**I hear your best safety board member was denied on application, because it got political. Was told not political and lost best guy and Wes knows rides and inspectors calls him. Should not be political, should not be on that application.**

**Brian – It is Governor's Office**

**Jane Flanagan – We do not view this board and function as political. Every Board and commission goes through same process and IDOL does not control and we will pass along the process and ran through Boards and Committee process. We are here to make sure rides are safe.**

**Brian – Want to Thank Wes for his great resource and now term ending we want to thank you.**

**As far as location – We are trying to be stewards of funds.**

**Bill Johnson – As late as possible – 3-5pm. Appreciate you getting involved.**

**Brian – Appreciate Feed back and will look into time and location.**

**No other comments.**

**ADJOURN – 1:49:**

**Motion – Clark –**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Wes Sparks**