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1	APPEARANCES
2	Amusement Ride and Attraction
3	Safety Board Members:
4	Ms. Patty Sullivan
5	Mr. Joseph Beyer
6	Mr. Bradley Brown
7	Mr. Weston Sparks
8	Mr. Joseph Redshaw
9	Daniel S. Kirschner (via
10	telephone)
11	Ms. Linda Givand Rhodes (via telephone)
12	ALSO PRESENT: Department of Labor Staff:
13	Mr. Bill Szerletich,
14	Division Manager
15	Mr. Thomas Coe
16	Ms. Margaret Royer (via telephone)
17	Mr. Matt Rohman
18	Mr. Peter Tomczuk Mr. Brian Brown
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20	Member of the Public:
21	Mr. Dave Bennett
22	Court Reporter:
23	Jennifer L. Crowe, CSR Illinois CSR #084-003786
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14	BOARD MEETING OF THE AMUSEMENT RIDE
15	AND ATTRACTION SAFETY BOARD ON JANUARY 17, 2019,
16	between the hours of 4:18 p.m. and 6:32 p.m. of
17	that day, at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen
18	Parkway, Springfield, IL, before Jennifer L. Crowe,
19	a Certified Shorthand Reporter (IL).
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            CHAIRPERSON: Can we come to order, please?
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     They don't give me a gavel. So, you know, if
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     anybody has got a hammer in their back pocket.
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            I will call the meeting to order, and there
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     is an agenda in front of you, I am assuming. One,
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            So are there any additions to the menu --
     to the menu -- to the agenda or to the corrections,
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     or I don't want to talk about this?
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                      (No response.)
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            CHAIRPERSON:
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     motion to approve the agenda as presented?
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            MR. BROWN: I will make that motion.
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           MR. SPARKS: Second.
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            CHAIRPERSON: Those in favor?
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                    (Ayes heard.)
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            CHAIRPERSON: No opposed?
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            CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Has everybody had a
     chance to read the minutes from our last meeting?
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            MR. BROWN: Yes.
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            CHAIRPERSON: Yes? Linda, are you there,
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     too?
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           MS. RHODES: Yes, I am. Hi, Patty.
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1 CHAIRPERSON: Hi. How are you doing? And 2 I understand we have Margaret Royer? 3 MS. ROYER: Yeah. CHAIRPERSON: Pardon me? 4 5 MR. SZERLETICH: Yes. 6 CHAIRPERSON: Yes. And Dan Schwabe? 7 Hello? Maybe not. 8 Dan Kirschner, I think I heard you? Dan 9 Kirschner? MR. KIRSCHNER: Yes, I'm here. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I thought that was 12 you. And we have Dave Bennett who is just a member 13 of the public. 14 MR. BENNETT: Yes, I am here, too. Thank 15 you. 16 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh. I apologize. Before we do the minutes, I really should have had 17 18 everyone introduce themselves. And let's start 19 with Joe. 2.0 MR. BEYER: Hello, everyone. Joe Beyer, 21 and I'm the Director of the Illinois Department of 22 Labor. 2.3 CHAIRPERSON: And? 24 MR. COE: I'm Tom Coe, the Chief Ride

- 1 Inspector.
- 2 MR. SZERLETICH: Bill Szerletich, Acting
- 3 Division Manager, Department of Labor.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: And where are our inspectors?
- 5 Would you introduce yourselves, please?
- 6 MR. ROHMAN: Matt Rohman, ride inspector.
- 7 MR. TOMCZUK: Pete Tomczuk, ride inspector.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Brian Brown, southern ride
- 9 inspector.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I don't hear that
- 11 southern twang.
- 12 And let's start over here, please.
- MR. SPARKS: Wes Sparks, North American
- 14 Midway Entertainment.
- MR. BROWN: Brad Brown as an engineer
- 16 member of the Board.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: And?
- MR. REDSHAW: And Joe Redshaw, Redshaw
- 19 Insurance.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: Very good. Well, I welcome
- 21 everyone here. And see, it doesn't say I can
- 22 welcome you, but I'm going to do it anyway. And
- 23 this is very important for all of us to know what
- 24 is going on and to have an opportunity to comment

and give recommendations for improvements and all 1 2 of those kinds of things. 3 So with that, we will go back to the agenda, and could I hear a motion to approve the 4 5 minutes of the last meeting? 6 MR. REDSHAW: I will make that motion. 7 CHAIRPERSON: A motion. MR. SPARKS: Yes, I will make a motion. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON: And a second. And those in 10 favor say aye. 11 (Ayes heard.) 12 CHAIRPERSON: And those opposed? 13 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON: The motion is carried. 14 15 Okay. Let's go to old business. And our division manager, the incomparable --16 17 MR. SZERLETICH: I don't know about that. 18 Okay. We are going to talk about inflatable fee 19 structure. The last meeting that we had a brief 2.0 discussion based on -- sorry. I was to put 21 together a proposed inflatable fee structure for 22 the board members. After discussions about ways to 23 separate inspection fees for extremely large 24 inflatables, we have come up with a few different

- 1 possibilities. It is in your handout. Some of
- 2 these were by total weight, by number of pieces
- 3 with an extra charge for each additional piece, by
- 4 horsepower of blowers, by number of blowers or by
- 5 size, square footage.
- There are some challenges that come along
- 7 with this; verifying the company is giving the
- 8 correct weight when registering or are they
- 9 including all of their pieces of the attraction
- 10 together or individually; keeping the financial
- impact relatively zero for our inflatable companies
- 12 that have multi-piece inflatables; verifying proper
- 13 horsepower blowers being used; verifying proper
- 14 number of blowers required.
- These are inflatables that are the huge
- 16 inflatables we talked about that we have not seen a
- 17 lot of them coming into the state but we have seen
- 18 them.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: And if they're successful, we
- 20 will see more.
- 21 MR. SZERLETICH: Right. And they are huge.
- 22 So that is what this fee structure is, you know,
- 23 what we have designed it for.
- 24 After reaching out to a couple

- 1 manufacturers of giant inflatables, the
- 2 manufacturer has presented some information that
- 3 can possibly cause some issues with implementing a
- 4 fee structure for inflatables if we utilize some of
- 5 the methods that I mentioned before.
- 6 For example, some of these giant
- 7 inflatables do not have air-filled floors in them.
- 8 Therefore, the number of blowers required for that
- 9 inflatable will be less than if it had a floor.
- 10 Some of the inflatables only have floors. There is
- 11 no side walls or tops. They also would require
- 12 less blowers to properly inflate. Some of these
- 13 very large inflatables can operate on two
- two-horsepower blowers.
- Due to these circumstances, my
- 16 recommendation would be to utilize the size or
- 17 square footage method. I believe that to be the
- 18 easiest and most reliable method to use when
- 19 registering inflatables for operator -- for the
- 20 operator and the Department.
- 21 My recommendation for size would be around
- 22 1500 square foot mark give or take. That would be,
- 23 for instance, a slide or an obstacle course that is
- 24 25 foot by 60 foot or a 15-foot wide by 100 foot

- 1 obstacle course, a bounce that is 35 foot by 45
- 2 foot which is a fairly large bounce.
- 3 The recommendation structure for the
- 4 members to consider, the fee for the large
- 5 inflatables is in keeping with our current
- 6 schedule. I put that at \$130. The normal
- 7 registration amount for, you know, inflatables is
- 8 55. So I'm proposing that we raise that fee for
- 9 those very large inflatables to 130 if they are
- 10 over 1500 square foot.
- 11 That is what I have put forth for the Board
- 12 to consider.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you for all of
- 14 your research. That's quite an interesting
- 15 conundrum to try to figure out.
- Do we have questions or comments on it from
- 17 the BOARD?
- MR. BROWN: Bill, do you have preference on
- 19 which fee structure would be most favorable to
- 20 administer on your end? I can see the challenges
- 21 that you laid out there with --
- MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah, I mean --
- 23 MR. BROWN: -- assessing the variables that
- 24 come with those.

- 1 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah, the 135 would be --
- 2 is basically in line with major rides, or 130, I'm
- 3 sorry. That is what the fee is for large, you
- 4 know, major rides and attractions. So in keeping
- 5 with that, that's how I come up with that number.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON: How, how big do some of these
- 7 get?
- 8 MR. SZERLETICH: Well, the one we talked
- 9 about the last meeting was 100 foot by 160 foot I
- 10 believe.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh.
- MR. SZERLETICH: So extremely large. And
- 13 we talked about what the tower was in the middle of
- 14 it.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh.
- 16 MR. SZERLETICH: Which I think we
- determined was a DJ booth, and we need to look to
- 18 see that it is grounded, that it is properly
- 19 staked.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh.
- 21 MR. SZERLETICH: Twenty something blowers I
- 22 think was on this.
- MR. SPARKS: Twenty-three or 24.
- MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah, it was absolutely

- 1 huge. I have not seen any inflatables out there
- 2 now that match.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON: That even come close?
- 4 MR. SZERLETICH: Right. So, you know, the
- 5 goal is not to affect the inflatables that are out
- 6 there now, but the ones coming in that are that
- 7 large that take so much more time to inspect,
- 8 that's what that fee would cover.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: Well, would they be in the
- 10 same class as a spectacular ride since it would
- 11 take so much more time?
- 12 MR. SZERLETICH: It could, yeah.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: How much is spectacular, the
- 14 fee?
- MR. SZERLETICH: One hundred thirty.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: Really?
- 17 MR. SZERLETICH: Unless you get into like
- 18 sky lifts or roller coasters.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So we don't --
- MR. SZERLETICH: Those are 260 and 390, ski
- 21 lifts, roller coasters depending on the size.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. What about roller
- 23 coasters?
- MR. SZERLETICH: Depending on the size, it

- 1 could be 130, 260, or 390. Like the ones at Six
- 2 Flags, the big ones are 390.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Well --
- 4 MR. SZERLETICH: And this fee is, you know
- 5 it is not in concrete, it is kind of what I --
- 6 CHAIRPERSON: It is starting place for us.
- 7 We appreciate that.
- 8 MR. SZERLETICH: Right.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: Well, because I'm thinking if
- 10 it takes as long to inspect that super size as it
- 11 does a medium roller coaster, then I would question
- 12 would we want to put that in the same category as a
- 13 roller coaster because theoretically they're going
- 14 to take in as many people or more as a medium
- 15 roller coaster. It is going to take you at least
- 16 as long to inspect it as a medium roller coaster.
- 17 And so why wouldn't it be -- I mean, our cost would
- 18 go up, and if it is that big, I don't think that's
- 19 an unreasonable amount of money to charge for an
- 20 extra large.
- 21 MR. SZERLETICH: I don't think it would be
- 22 quite as involved as a roller coaster just because
- 23 of how a roller coaster is with all --
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: You don't have to climb.

1 MR. SZERLETICH: -- the track and all of 2 the, you know, wheels, all of the safety bars. 3 MS. RHODES: Patty, this is Linda. Let me 4 know when I can build on your comment. I have 5 something that I wanted to add to what you just 6 said. 7 CHAIRPERSON: Please go right ahead. 8 MS. RHODES: Okay. And it is -- I don't 9 recall if our fee structure considers more than 10 I assuming it includes risk for the time. inspector, too. If it does, I believe your line of 11 12 thinking, then, is on the right track, though I'm 13 not sure I have landed on what the fee should be 14 because, correct me if I am wrong, but inspecting 15 this does contribute more or expose the inspector to more risk than the smaller inflatables. Maybe 16 17 not the same as the roller coasters, but I would 18 think that we would factor in the risk or exposure 19 to the inspector in our fee if that's what we 20 already do. 21 CHAIRPERSON: I think that's a good point. 22 I think that's a good point because it would be 2.3 more, more risk the more things that -- if it has 24 that many blowers, there are more possibilities of

- 1 electrocution for instance. Excuse me.
- 2 MS. RHODES: So therefore there are more
- 3 precautions we need to take to mitigate injury.
- 4 You know, just putting that out there in case that
- 5 what we already consider, we should also factor
- 6 that into this discussion.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: I think that's a good point.
- 8 Other comments? Tom? Joe?
- 9 MR. BEYER: To that point, Bill, I don't
- 10 know if we have explicitly considered risk in the
- 11 past with this. My assumption was that it
- 12 primarily was around the, you know, the resources
- 13 that it required of the Department. It is not to
- 14 say we shouldn't start to consider that, but I
- 15 would think that we then want to have -- if we are
- 16 to factor that in, that it is clear of what, you
- 17 know, what we are considering to make the
- 18 determination what bucket it falls into so that
- 19 industry is not wondering wait, you said this one
- 20 was X, you know, level of risky, this one is twice
- 21 as much but I don't understand why, what criteria
- 22 you are using.
- 23 So I am not, I'm not -- I wouldn't be
- 24 opposed to that by any means, but it might be

- 1 helpful to think through how we would want to
- 2 communicate that and what goes into it.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON: Excuse me. Well, I would
- 4 think does time factor alone to inspect, because
- 5 you are going to have that inspector doing just
- 6 that one thing for a much longer period of time
- 7 where they are not going to be inspecting other
- 8 issues or other rides, and I would think we might
- 9 want to have a higher fee and maybe not the same as
- 10 a medium coaster but a higher fee. You said 265?
- 11 MR. SZERLETICH: Two sixty.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON: Two sixty. So maybe we want
- 13 to put it two and a quarter or 250 or put it at
- 14 260.
- Do we have any opinions or comments on
- 16 that?
- 17 MR. BEYER: So I will say from the
- 18 department's perspective, and I have a side comment
- 19 as well. So the way I thought about it is that
- 20 this is to reflect, again, the resources that the
- 21 Department is putting out to take time inspecting
- 22 these. Time is a difficult thing, I think a
- 23 difficult metric to use as the way it is because
- 24 I'm sure when you guys are out there you might

1 start on something, stop for a little bit, move to 2 something else, come back to it and to try to, you 3 know, have an accurate record keeping of the exact amount of time and any controversy that could arise 4 5 from that. But the general idea is that all of 6 that is being factored into the, you know, number 7 of inspectors and amount of time that we are out 8 there, and size and complexity usually is kind of a 9 proxy for that. 10 One kind of just universal comment on all 11 of this is so everyone is aware, Governor Pritzker 12 has formally appointed a new director of the 13 Department of Labor as of today. That person will 14 take over in my spot effective this coming Monday. 15 So with any fee structure, potential fee structure 16 changes, any items that we discuss today I would 17 strongly recommend that, you know, we can make as 18 much progress as possible today but have the new administration and the new director have an 19 20 opportunity to weigh in on those before anything is 21 -- that is one man's recommendation 22 CHAIRPERSON: Well, this board --2.3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is that person here or 24 not?

MR. BEYER: He is not here. I believe he 1 2 will be based in Springfield. His name is Mike 3 Kleinik. So --4 MR. SZERLETICH: Mike Kleinik? 5 CHAIRPERSON: Well, actually this board 6 does have the purview to go ahead and set fees 7 according to our role as put down in the statute. 8 MR. BEYER: I don't mean to --9 CHAIRPERSON: Oh, I know it would be maybe 10 nice --MR. BEYER: -- diminish that, but given the 11 12 timing, given how soon my replacement will be 13 starting. 14 CHAIRPERSON: But will he have a chance to, 15 like, get his head into this very quickly? MR. BEYER: I can't speak for him but yes. 16 MR. SZERLETICH: We will have transition 17 18 meeting where we will cover all of this. 19 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. But if we don't do it 20 now, then it won't be done until September. 21 MR. BEYER: From my view, that's perhaps 22 not the worst thing just given that, you know, the 2.3 entry and appearance of these things still seems to 24 be --

CHAIRPERSON: A \$100 difference in the fee 1 2 for one thing isn't that big a deal, but my concern 3 might be if we wait to take this up but if he says 4 oh, I think all these fees should be higher, and 5 this way it is already kind of a done deal. 6 I mean, I don't know what his opinions of 7 this are, and I want to be fair to all of the 8 people who have come here and are already paying 9 I'm not trying to usurp him, and if you 10 think that would be -- not that I have ever tried to be more politic, but if that would be the more 11 12 politic thing to do because we do want to get along 13 with the new director well and have him, have him 14 want to work with us and help us. What's the 15 opinion? 16 MR. KIRSCHNER: This is Dan Kirschner. view of this board as described by the act that 17 18 creates us is that we are an advisory board to the 19 Director. We don't act independent of the 2.0 Director. And the Director comes to us for advice. 21 We give advice, and the Director's free to accept 22 our advice or not accept our advice. 2.3 My thought is, and we have done this in the 24 past with a new administration, usually there is

- 1 this always one or two-day overlap with January
- 2 meeting with the new director coming in that we
- 3 tend to put off any votes to the new
- 4 administration, in deference to the new
- 5 administration, new director.
- 6 We are not wedded to only two meetings a
- 7 year. That's just the minimum prescribed by
- 8 statute. So if a new director comes in and we want
- 9 to have a discussion and vote on new fees before
- 10 September, before the summer, that the new director
- 11 can call a meeting at any time and say, you know,
- we'd like to discuss fees and call a meeting of the
- 13 board for the board's advice and opinion.
- But that is my thought, that given the fact
- 15 that we do have a -- you know, we don't act
- 16 independent, it is only at the request of the
- 17 Director that we act. I think we defer to the
- 18 incoming director.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: Well, we do have the acting
- 20 Director here now, and the one thing that we can
- 21 decide on this board is the fees.
- MR. SZERLETICH: He is the Director.
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Yes, the acting director
- 24 has given his suggestion that we defer which means

- 1 the acting director is --
- 2 CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, he is the real
- 3 director, he is not just acting. But Dan, I take
- 4 your point, I take your point and -- but when
- 5 changes were negotiated, we kind of gave up being
- 6 able to have a vote by a board propagate new rules
- 7 to be able to keep the option of the Board being
- 8 able to set the fees.
- 9 So that was when they rewrote some of the
- 10 statute, that's what it came out. But I take your
- 11 point because I would like for the new director to
- 12 feel kindly towards us and want to cooperate with
- 13 us.
- So do any of the rest of you have an
- 15 opinion on this?
- MR. BROWN: You know, I think from my
- 17 perspective, we could certainly vote on a
- 18 recommendation and keep things moving forward
- 19 because we have already had a pretty decent amount
- 20 of discussion with this, and, you know, if that
- 21 comes, you know, based on the recommendation of
- 22 staff and input from staff, you know, I think
- 23 establishing a fee structure for this type of
- 24 inflatable, that's probably a pretty small blip on

- 1 his radar screen for getting up and running in a
- 2 new position.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, yes.
- 4 MR. KIRSCHNER: I don't disagree. I don't
- 5 think it is a controversial issue at all, whether
- 6 it is the result of this administration or director
- 7 or of the next one. I think the issue is with new
- 8 directors, there are always new budgetary issues,
- 9 and they may look to either filling budget gaps
- 10 elsewhere or here or there. So I think in terms of
- 11 the whole thing going forward, since we are talking
- 12 about those fees being tabled in the future, we may
- 13 want to consent, if everybody wants to discuss it
- 14 with the person who is going to be in charge of the
- 15 department in the future.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 17 MR. KIRSCHNER: My thought is, you know,
- 18 there is nothing under the Open Meetings Act that
- 19 prevents you as the Chair to call that new director
- 20 next week, introduce yourself and say hey, this, we
- 21 left this on the table, what are your thoughts, how
- 22 would you like to handle it?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Well, I like your idea of not
- 24 making it a hard and fast thing before the Director

- 1 comes in, and perhaps if we did just vote to
- 2 recommend to him that this be, be -- that this come
- 3 into our rules and so that he knows how we feel
- 4 about it, then I think then we wouldn't have acted
- 5 -- we will table making a decision, but we can vote
- 6 to recommend. How does that strike everyone?
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Yeah, I think we just, just
- 8 let him know this is where we left off; the Board
- 9 is in agreement this is what the fee should be
- 10 going forward; we just wanted to have your input
- 11 before there is a final vote on it.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- MS. RHODES: This is Linda. I agree with
- 14 that comment.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I think that's good --
- 16 MR. KIRSCHNER: Not talking about undoing
- 17 work that's been done or starting over, anything
- 18 like that.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: So do I hear a motion, then,
- 20 from you, Dan, that we recommend to raise the fee
- 21 to, I don't know, what, to 225 or --
- 22 MR. KIRSCHNER: I think that's probably
- 23 going to depend upon where the budget is set for
- 24 the Department, where the needs are for the

- 1 Department. That's kind of hard to -- there may be
- 2 actually no change in the equation, but what the
- 3 incoming director may have in mind may change this
- 4 a little bit even like 25 bucks one direction or
- 5 the other.
- 6 MR. BEYER: The other two quick things, I
- 7 don't if what he really had a chance to get
- 8 feedback from industry yet either. Not that I have
- 9 a desire to have these things play out over several
- 10 meetings or years, but, you know, this is the first
- 11 proposal we brought forward. There are multiple
- 12 ways in which it could be measured, multiple fee
- 13 structures. We have presented one.
- But to the extent that this is something
- 15 that is increasing in the number of times we see
- 16 it, there may be people who would want to react to
- 17 this in some way. So that may be a reason
- independently where, why the next meeting makes
- 19 sense.
- 20 The other thing that was also just pointed
- 21 out to me, so everyone is clear from the statute,
- 22 the wording of that is Section 2-8, the Director,
- 23 after consultation with the consent, and the
- 24 consent of the Board shall determine a schedule of

- 1 permit fees for each amusement ride or amusement
- 2 attraction. You know, it does seem to suggest
- 3 that, you know, perhaps the ultimate, you know,
- 4 enactment of that lies with the Director but after
- 5 consultation. CHAIRPERSON: After we consent
- 6 to it.
- 7 MR. BEYER: Yes, yes. To the extent there
- 8 needs to be more discussion about that, I think we
- 9 can, you know -- but all of this taken into
- 10 account, it would still be my view, you know, it is
- 11 appropriate for a number of reasons to at least
- 12 wait until the next meeting before.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Well, I'm fine with
- 14 that. Could we take, just so we get some public
- input before we, before we make a recommendation,
- 16 could we break from this and ask for comments?
- So we are going to break from this meeting
- 18 and ask for comments from all of you here. Do you
- 19 have any opinions on this?
- 20 MR. KIRSCHNER: You know -- Dan again. I
- 21 want to say one thing generally about fees since
- 22 when we dealt with it in the past. I quess as
- 23 comments will come in, we will address this, but my
- 24 sense is that we, as a state, tend to be on the far

- 1 more modest end of fees when we look to comparison
- 2 to surrounding states. I mean, industry tends to
- 3 not mind modest increases because it is still
- 4 oftentimes still well below what the rates are in
- 5 Ohio, Indiana. Those are my recollections from
- 6 past fee discussions and fee increases.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, but it is because this
- 8 board wanted to keep them lower so that people can
- 9 actually -- I mean, Illinois is one of the most
- 10 expensive places to do business. So that the fees
- 11 could at least be more modest so we didn't have
- 12 people leaving Illinois to go to other states and
- 13 not paying taxes here. So that's just my
- 14 recollection of what has happened because at one
- 15 point they wanted to --
- MR. KIRSCHNER: I don't think that policy
- 17 has played into our decision in fees, but that's
- 18 okay.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: So anyway, could I -- what do
- 20 you guys think about -- does anybody have an
- 21 opinion? In this room there is usually opinions.
- 22 Yes?
- MS. LENNON: Well, I'm just a little
- 24 unclear. So you can raise the fee to \$130 if it is

- 1 over 1500 square feet and then \$260 for, like, that
- 2 giant one that's 10,000 square feet. So is there
- 3 going to be -- I don't know. So it is going to be
- 4 like 1500 to 10,000 square feet is going to be
- 5 \$130.
- 6 MR. SZERLETICH: No, anything above. 1500
- 7 and above would be 130.
- 8 MS. LENNON: Okay.
- 9 MR. SZERLETICH: Anything below that, 1499
- 10 and below, is still 55.
- 11 MS. LENNON: Okay.
- MR. SZERLETICH: Which is going to exclude
- just about everybody but these huge inflatables.
- 14 That's what my goal was. I didn't want it to
- 15 affect, you know, the obstacle courses that a lot
- 16 of operators use.
- MS. LENNON: Okay.
- 18 MR. SZERLETICH: So I did a lot of research
- 19 and kind of tried to come up with that square
- 20 footage that would, you know, I hate to say it, but
- 21 target the bigger ones because there is a lot more
- 22 to those than these obstacle courses and the jumps
- and such.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: I apologize. What is your

- 1 name, and what company are you from?
- MS. LENNON: I am Becky Lennon, Channahon
- 3 General Rental.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Because we need
- 5 to let our lady who is taking all of the notes
- 6 know.
- 7 Margaret?
- 8 MS. VAUGHN: Just to clarify, whatever the
- 9 fees -- Margaret Vaughn with the OABA and the
- 10 Illinois Association of Ag Fairs. Whatever the
- 11 fees are that the Board would propose or Director
- wants to move this way or that way still have to go
- 13 through administrative rule making process, is that
- 14 correct, JCAR?
- MR. SZERLETICH: I believe so, yeah, for
- 16 any fee increase.
- 17 MS. VAUGHN: So there would still be a
- 18 public comment process. It is not like they would
- 19 go in effect today, it would be --
- MR. SZERLETICH: No.
- 21 MS. VAUGHN: -- a six month process to get
- 22 approved.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Yes?
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How many --

- 1 MS. RHODES: May I make a quick request 2 from the phone? 3 CHAIRPERSON: Sure. MS. RHODES: So that those of us on the 4 5 phone, and sorry we are not there, can benefit from 6 hearing what the general public has to say, do you 7 mind either each time or at the end summarizing for 8 us what the comments were? 9 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. The last comment was 10 that it would still have to go through JCAR which would still give the public an opportunity to 11 12 respond at that time. So that just so that we were 13 clear on it because this is part of rule making. 14 So that was the comment by Margaret Vaughn. 15 MS. RHODES: Thank you. CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh. And? 16 17 MR. MASSIE: Donnie Massie, Alpine 18 Amusement. I am just wondering how big, well, how
- 21 MR. SZERLETICH: Right now we have only
- 22 seen one in the state. The year prior to that we

many of these companies are you talking about right

- 23 had another one come in. They did not return last
- 24 year. So we know of two companies.

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1 Hey, Pete, do you know of any other 2 companies? 3 CHAIRPERSON: Come on in the room, Pete, so we can hear. 4 5 MR. TOMCZUK: Inflatable 5K, remember that 6 one, and then --7 MR. SZERLETICH: There was two of those 8 companies, then the one that you did last year. 9 MR. TOMCZUK: That one and then also I was 10 showing Chris there was a company that brought in 11 like a 60 to 65-foot water slide at Chicagoland 12 Speedway, and they had a bubble party. 13 CHAIRPERSON: Bubble party? 14 MR. TOMCZUK: Black light bubble party. 15 MR. SZERLETICH: Two or three of them. 16 MR. TOMCZUK: Probably four companies I 17 count total, total right now. 18 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Thank you. 19 MR. SZERLETICH: So not a lot but --2.0 CHAIRPERSON: That was one of our 21 inspectors, Pete, who has inspected about four 22 different sets for inflatables that would come up 23 to the larger level. Donnie? 24 MR. MASSIE: That's all I wanted to know,

just how many -- what is it really affecting, how 1 2 many people, you know, so --3 CHAIRPERSON: Well, and even if we only raised it \$100 if it doesn't take as long as a 4 5 medium roller coaster, then we are not up to quite 6 that. So if we said if we recommended 230, for 7 instance, then we are really -- we are still below 8 the medium roller coaster but above the 1500 square 9 foot level. Does make any sense to anybody? 10 Okay. So I am going to adjourn public comments again and go back to the meeting. 11 12 Board, do we want to make a recommendation, or do 13 we want to just totally -- because it would be nice 14 to keep what we have discussed here and have 15 something to show for it. 16 MR. BROWN: I would think we should make a 17 recommendation, and, you know, and I have not looked comprehensively at our fee structure for 18 19 inspection or anything, but just looking at the two 2.0 numbers that were presented here with \$55 for a 21 small inflatable or 130 for a big one, we are not

the way our fee structure is currently based.

anywhere near covering somebody's time to travel to

a site, inspect something. So I don't think that's

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- 1 I don't think anybody is suggesting that we
- 2 restructure that or anything. So whatever our
- 3 recommendation would be, it would seem to be to
- 4 keep it in line with the other fees that we are
- 5 inspecting, and that would be a prudent spot to be
- 6 in.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: So do you want to make a
- 8 motion for a recommendation?
- 9 MR. BROWN: I would make a motion to accept
- 10 the recommendation that Bill has put together with
- 11 \$55 for inflatable up to 1,499 square feet and 130
- 12 for inflatables that are above 1500 square feet.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: And nothing for the next
- 14 level?
- 15 MR. SZERLETICH: There is no next level.
- 16 Fifteen hundred and above is the way I wrote it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 18 MR. BEYER: I will just add that's one
- 19 reason why I thought it would also might make sense
- 20 to continue discussion of this. There is a little
- 21 bit of a challenge of setting something of an
- 22 arbitrary number based on, you know, the limited
- 23 inflatables that we have seen that fall under this.
- 24 If something changed and, for example, then we saw

a huge jump in inflatables between 1350 and 1500 1 2 square feet, it might have made us change the way 3 we thought about, you know, what tiers we have set. 4 At the other end, the more you try to set a higher number of tiers to capture any number of 5 6 these, then it becomes overly complicated. 7 there is a bit of a give and take here. sure that I -- I think would I lean on the side of 8 9 probably waiting to make a recommendation even, but this is --10 11 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So --12 MS. RHODES: What was that last -- this is 13 Linda. The last part was err on side of waiting? 14 CHAIRPERSON: Well, to discuss any higher 15 fees because it could get problematic as more 16 different inflatables come in to have a complicated 17 structure; to just stick with this recommendation for right now and go forward later if we think 18 there is a real need for further fee structure 19 20 changes. 21 MS. RHODES: So that I am clear, I 22 apologize that I didn't catch it all, that the 23 motion that is on the floor, does it -- it 24 represents a change from our current fee structure,

1 just does not address the largest ones? 2 CHAIRPERSON: Correct. 3 MS. RHODES: The largest inflatable? CHAIRPERSON: Correct. This is the 4 5 recommendation that came from the Department, and I think, I think it would be very reasonable to make a recommendation that we endorse this and send it onto the Director, the new Director and go from 8 9 there. Do I have a second for this motion? MR. SPARKS: I will second. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Any other discussion? 12 (No response.) 13 CHAIRPERSON: Those in favor say aye. 14 (Ayes heard.) 15 CHAIRPERSON: Do I hear any ayes on the phone? 16 17 Those opposed? 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: Opposed. 19 MR. SZERLETICH: Dan Kirschner? 2.0 MR. KIRSCHNER: Yep. 21 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. 22 MR. BEYER: So I guess I -- so I voted aye, 2.3 but I would like to make sure it is clear we 24 obviously developed this proposal and discussed it.

- 1 So, you know, it has my support as a starting
- 2 proposal to offer, but I, I don't want to be
- 3 supportive of anything here that makes a new
- 4 administration or new director feel bound that we
- 5 have acted without them.
- 6 So I guess I would clarify my aye as, you
- 7 know, we felt this an appropriate thing to
- 8 recommend at the starting point. I still support
- 9 that given we developed that, but beyond that, I
- 10 would defer to the new administration.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: Well, the motion was to
- 12 recommend that, it was not to enact this. So --
- MR. KIRSCHNER: Right, but if I can state
- 14 my opposition. We don't have the ability to
- 15 enact. All we can do is recommend because we are
- 16 an advisory board. I'm not opposed to the concept
- 17 of what the, what the resolution or advice we want
- 18 to give. My opposition is the timing of it. I
- 19 think it is more prudent to keep our discussion in
- 20 a holding pattern at this time and for the Chair to
- 21 have a discussion with the incoming director,
- 22 incoming director on this issue and update the
- 23 incoming director on this issue and inform the
- 24 incoming director, ask if we'd like to move forward

- 1 or anything else you'd like us to address before
- 2 making a recommendation because there might be
- 3 other factors and criteria the incoming director
- 4 may want us to consider.
- 5 UNIDENTIFIED: Such as risk.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 7 MR. KIRSCHNER: Or other budgetary things
- 8 or constraints or expansions of the department.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: Right. Well, we are hoping
- 10 the Department is not going to try to set their
- 11 budget on raising all of the fees.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: No, I'm not suggesting
- 13 that. I am saying every penny, wherever it is,
- 14 goes somewhere. So no one knows how, what the
- 15 budget department is going to be, how it is going
- 16 to be aligned.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: We never do.
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: So I think due prudence is
- 19 waiting to see what the department looks like under
- 20 the new director which is our -- for funding and
- 21 inspections we are an advisory board to the
- 22 Director.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Well, it stands at, it
- 24 stands at 5 to 1 right now that we approve this

- 1 motion. So I think the motion has passed and that
- 2 we --
- MS. RHODES: My vote was an abstain. I
- 4 didn't vote because I was still thinking. I was
- 5 confused.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 7 MS. RHODES: I don't --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON: So we have one abstention,
- 9 one negative and five positives or affirmatives.
- 10 MR. KIRSCHNER: Can I ask a point of order
- 11 with respect to the department's counsel? Do we
- 12 have a quorum?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, we do.
- MR. KIRSCHNER: I'm not sure phone
- 15 attendance counts as a quorum.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: No, we have a quorum here in
- 17 the room.
- 18 MR. KIRSCHNER: I thought there were five
- 19 on the phone.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: No.
- 21 MR. KIRSCHNER: There are five in the room?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON: There are five in room.
- 23 MR. KIRSCHNER: Oh, I am sorry. I thought
- 24 you said five on the phone. I apologize.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON: So yeah, we can't count you
- 2 as part of the quorum.
- 3 MR. KIRSCHNER: That is what I thought.
- 4 Okay.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON: So I would say the motion
- 6 passes, and we will -- if you can word it such that
- 7 after a long discussion, the Board recommended that
- 8 we raise the larger inflatables, 1500 square feet
- 9 and above, to 130 which would be the same as major
- 10 rides.
- 11 So okay. Let's move on. What else do you
- 12 have for us?
- 13 MR. SZERLETICH: Okay. Discussion on
- 14 regulating inflatables for public and private use.
- 15 Just when you thought we were done talking about
- 16 inflatables.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: Well, we love our
- 18 inflatables.
- MR. SZERLETICH: Hopefully we will move
- 20 through this a lot quicker.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: Oh, you dreamer.
- MR. SZERLETICH: In your packet you have
- 23 some figures that I calculated.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.

1 MR. SZERLETICH: At our last meeting we had 2 a brief discussion based on the thoughts of some 3 members about possible regulation and inspection of all inflatables, public and private. 4 5 Inflatables being rented out by rental 6 companies for public use is a portion of their 7 overall inventory for several companies. 8 also include those companies and individuals that 9 provide inflatables for private events only. 10 possible impact of that is yet to be determined as more research is needed to understand how many 11 12 private-use inflatable companies and individuals 13 are in the state. 14 There is also the impact on the inspection 15 side that must be realized in order to determine 16 the ability to inspect them with our current 17 inspection force. I have ran some general numbers 18 that is included in your packet to give members of the board an idea of the possible impact on our 19 2.0 program by including inspections of private use 21 inflatables. 22 So what I did, I took the total inflatables 23 registered in fiscal year '18 for public use which 24 was 1,781 and divided them by five inspectors.

- 1 That's 356 inspections per inspector. I took five
- 2 Illinois companies' inventories, total inventory,
- 3 totaled them up to 1,556 inflatables, and I took
- 4 the total that we permitted for public use in that
- 5 time frame, fiscal year '18. It was 409 or, sorry,
- 6 the total permitted for those five companies was
- 7 409 out of 1556. That's a 26% for public use.
- 8 And so basically we inspect a quarter of their
- 9 inventory.
- I estimated workload per inspector to
- include private use inflatable, inflatables using
- 12 the above percentage, that 26%. So if we was to
- 13 determine that if we quadruped those figures, those
- inspections, to include all of their inventory,
- that would be about 1,424 inflatable inspections
- 16 per inspector per year.
- 17 Average about 20 -- I mean 20 inflatable
- 18 inspections a day is quite a bit. It would take 71
- 19 days to complete that. If we dropped it down and
- 20 just tripled those figures, we are talking 1,068
- 21 inflatable inspections per inspector per year, 20
- 22 inflatable inspections a day, 53 days to complete.
- 23 Most of these companies need inspected by January
- 1st of each year which means December is a busy

- 1 month for inflatable inspections. I will include
- 2 November, too. Usually the last week is when we
- 3 get the new permits, and so we start right away.
- 4 A problem we would have that is not
- 5 reflected in the above example is not all
- 6 inspectors are sharing the inspection demand
- 7 evenly. Margaret can attest to this. The Chicago
- 8 area has the bulk of the inspection load. No doubt
- 9 about it. And would also hold true if we was to
- 10 include private-use inflatables.
- Now, I put some bullet points down here to
- 12 talk about how inspecting private-use inflatables
- 13 would impact our program. First off, we would need
- 14 additional inspectors to cover this demand;
- 15 additional overtime costs; seeking out private
- 16 operations throughout the state in getting them
- 17 compliant; including inflatables purchased from
- 18 stores by individuals, gymnastic clubs, parts
- 19 supply, party supplies stores, home centers. We do
- 20 do some of those inspections now, some of these
- 21 home centers and party supply stores.
- The need to include amusement rides being
- 23 used privately, there is not a lot of those out
- 24 there, but there are some amusement rides that are

- 1 being used in the private fashion. So we don't
- 2 inspect those.
- 3 Increased compliance of criminal history
- 4 record check requirements: It is going to take a
- 5 little bit more time to go through the record
- 6 checks and it would require changing our act and
- 7 rules to include private use.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 9 MR. SZERLETICH: So I do not recommend we
- 10 do that.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: Well --
- MR. SZERLETICH: To put it in a nutshell.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Well, it does add a big
- 14 bucket of worms to the, to the current departmental
- 15 abilities to inspect.
- As a side note, I'm glad we have a rental
- 17 company here so that she can make her comments
- 18 during the general comment time. I think at some
- 19 point in time it would behoove us to add them in at
- 20 such time as we can forward some more inspectors
- 21 because the bulk of the accidents on inflatables
- 22 are at these private events.
- MR. SZERLETICH: Uh-huh.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: And we'd like to have the

- 1 opportunity to decrease the number of accidents as
- 2 much as possible.
- 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Sure.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: And, I mean, that really is
- 5 our goal is improving the safety of Illinois
- 6 citizens for, you know, for -- well, improving the
- 7 safety of our public. So I think I would, I would
- 8 like to keep this on the back burner for now and
- 9 have -- because it will take a lot more discussion
- and a lot more money in the till to hire new
- 11 inspectors, but the issue is safety, not -- because
- 12 it still won't bring in enough money to convince
- 13 the powers that be that this is worth hiring more
- 14 inspectors.
- 15 So we will have a little discussion about
- 16 this during the public time I'm hoping, and so we
- 17 will -- I appreciate all your research. It has not
- 18 gone for naught, but I think -- yes?
- MR. BROWN: I have a question. Bill, could
- 20 you share your perspective on the nature of
- 21 injuries associated with inflatables? Are they
- 22 more equipment-type related or are they more use
- 23 related?
- In other words, you know, I'm trying to

- 1 help assess if we increase some level of inspection
- 2 on the equipment, is that going to make them any
- 3 safer.
- 4 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah, that's, that's a
- 5 hard one. You know, it is -- a lot of times when
- 6 we inspect them, we don't inspect them on site. So
- 7 I would say no to that for that main reason. A lot
- 8 of times we are at their warehouse where they put
- 9 them up. So when we have them on site, we don't
- 10 know the soil conditions, we don't know the stakes
- 11 are driven in, you know, to the proper depth. We
- don't know if the blowers are plugged into, you
- 13 know, a protected circuit, things like that.
- So, you know, and then there are some
- inspections where we are on site. But for a lot of
- 16 these big companies, we go to their facility. Just
- 17 we can get a lot more done there at their facility
- 18 rather than going out to an event where they are
- 19 going to have just a fraction of them and then have
- 20 to go to another event, another event, another
- 21 event to finally get them all.
- MR. BROWN: Thank you, Bill.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: And I would like to ask
- 24 another question. So are, are -- when you do these

- 1 inspections, are you also checking their training
- 2 logs and things like that?
- 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: So that you know those
- 5 companies actually train their employees or
- 6 operators so that they know what the, what the
- 7 rules of the inflatable are.
- 8 And my concern is lots of times I think
- 9 that's probably part of the main issue from --
- 10 because we have discussed at the ASTM, and most of
- 11 the accidents that we are told about there are lack
- of sticking with the rules that, that the operators
- 13 not trained on the, you know, the other inflatables
- 14 especially if it is just parents, you know,
- 15 watching, and that's, that's an issue that we are
- 16 still trying to figure out how to get the people
- 17 who are at those private parties to become good
- 18 operators.
- 19 MR. SZERLETICH: Uh-huh.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: And I think that's the whole
- 21 crux of it, and that's a difficult question. I
- 22 don't know how many companies send out their own
- 23 operator or whether they just, you know, say here
- 24 are the rules that are on the side of the

inflatable, and, you know, that's what you are 1 2 supposed to follow. But --3 MR. SZERLETICH: I think most of them, when they rent them out, if they are not sending their 4 5 operator to man it, will go through the training 6 with the person that's renting it. And I know some 7 companies use a form to document who is going to 8 be, you know, like mom or dad or the teachers, 9 wherever they are at, they will document who --10 CHAIRPERSON: Well, that's good. 11 MR. SZERLETICH: -- is going to be, you 12 know, watching the inflatable and watching the 13 kids. 14 CHAIRPERSON: Well, we might find out like 15 how the rental companies do that, and if they are 16 if they are already doing that due diligence and 17 then the parents just aren't paying attention or 18 they are off in the kitchen fixing the next round of chip and dip, notice I didn't say alcohol --19 2.0 MR. SZERLETICH: We also have volunteer 21 roster forms that they use, that they can utilize 22 if they are renting it out for an event where like 2.3 a school fall festival where teachers will be 24 manning it or administration people, they will have

- 1 them sign it. There is place on there to check
- 2 that they have been trained by the rental company
- 3 to the person.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: That's good, too.
- 5 MR. SZERLETICH: -- that's operating the
- 6 inflatable.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: Because that's, I think,
- 8 that's what's come up as the biggest challenge in
- 9 our discussions at ASTM. And so everybody finds it
- 10 very difficult to figure out what, you know, how we
- 11 can help make things safer.
- So it is, it is an issue, but I think it is
- 13 an issue, unless there is any other discussion,
- 14 that we will go ahead and table for now and go onto
- 15 our standards update by Tom.
- MR. BEYER: Can I very quickly on that?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: Yes.
- 18 MR. BEYER: I think the Department is in a
- 19 bit of a tricky position because much of this data
- 20 that's going on, what you hear at these meetings is
- 21 not getting to the Department. So I'm not sure we
- 22 have a great sense of private events, what the
- 23 nature or scope of injuries and to Brad's point,
- 24 you know, what is causing them.

1 So when something like this is raised, from 2 my perspective at least, my first question is what 3 -- I don't even know what we are trying to protect against necessarily in terms of the number and type 4 5 of injuries. So I think it would be very helpful to the future director in my position to try to 7 have more access to what that is. 8 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. 9 MR. BEYER: There certainly is a very --10 certainly something of a clear line between public 11 events and what the expectations are for the public 12 when they come to this and protections that have 13 already been put in place versus a private event 14 and any assumption of risk around that and what is 15 going on there. If there is a decision in the 16 future that starts to blur that a bit or knock it 17 down in some instances, I do think --18 CHAIRPERSON: More data. MR. BEYER: More data. I think there need 19 2.0 be -- you know, I don't know what this threshold 21 is, but there does -- I think there is -- it does 22 need to be articulated in some way of this is why 23 we are now pushing past this because at this point, 24 it is not clear to me what the need is even.

1 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I can tell you some of 2 the things that I have heard, but I'll try to find 3 somebody who can give me some actual data so that I can pass on. But the biggest things are having 4 5 larger kids jump with smaller kids and then they 6 land on them and break a bone or, you know, hit a 7 head. A lot of it is not having the sizes together 8 so that you have the smaller ones jumping and then 9 you have larger ones jumping together. Not that 10 they don't knock heads once in awhile but -- and what they start doing and, like, trying to bounce 11 12 out of the in inflatable and landing on hard 13 surface on their head or on a bone that won't take 14 that is our -- those are the biggest, concussions 15 and broken bones are probably the biggest issues 16 that I have been hearing about. So I will see if 17 anybody can get me actual data and bring that along 18 next time. 19 MR. BEYER: That's at least helpful to 20 begin to understand that it may not be as much 21 focused on the Department being there and 22 inspecting whether it is inflated properly or 23 staked down properly but rather --24 CHAIRPERSON: Rules for training?

MR. BEYER: -- users and stuff like that. 1 2 You know, I think when you get -- I would assume 3 when you start going down that path, though, of 4 should the state be involved in regulating at 5 private events what size children, age of children 6 are playing with each other, I think there may be a 7 lot of pushback to that. And not that, you know, 8 the ultimate determination that may be proper 9 but --10 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh. MR. BEYER: -- it is not -- I think there 11 12 is probably still a lot to do to get a sense of 13 that and understand what --14 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. 15 MR. BEYER: -- the focus of the Department 16 would be and why. 17 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. That's fair. Anything 18 else? 19 (No response.) 2.0 CHAIRPERSON: Okie doke. Thank you. 21 MR. SZERLETICH: So last time, last meeting 22 we talked about ASTM standards. 2.3 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh. 24 MR. SZERLETICH: So Tom has been active in

- 1 researching our current standards versus the new
- 2 standards we need to update. We talked about that
- 3 the last meeting.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh.
- 5 MR. SZERLETICH: We are looking into that.
- 6 It is going to be a long process. We have started
- 7 it, and that's what Tom is going to talk about now.
- 8 He is going to give everybody an update where we
- 9 are at with that.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 11 MR. COE: Okay. What we did is we looked
- 12 at the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act,
- 13 and we wanted to update the most important ASTM
- 14 standards that we reference in this act.
- 15 These are the standards that we have looked
- 16 at right now. 2291 is probably the biggest one that
- 17 has the most impact. These standards affect more
- 18 of the ride owner and manufacturer. There is one
- in there a little bit that does affect us as
- 20 inspectors. These are some of the highlights that,
- 21 you know, if you had to read these, both these
- 22 documents, be prepared.
- 23 2291 is the design of amusement rides. It
- 24 affects existing and new rides. Allows existing

- 1 rides to be service proven. Service proven is a
- 2 fairly vague definition of what needs to occur.
- 3 You know, that could be finalized and talked about,
- 4 you know, what we want to implement as a group.
- 5 Significant new requirements for design:
- 6 It includes a statement from OSHA for fall
- 7 protection. So all new amusement rides, you know,
- 8 if you climb on it, it will have to have attachment
- 9 points, you know, safety-related items for anybody
- 10 that's on the ride.
- 11 Each ride does have to have a hazard
- 12 mitigation analysis, and that does have to be
- 13 documented.
- 14 It changed some of the, some of the
- 15 requirements on restraints for kiddie rides, and
- 16 that is pretty technical. I don't know that we can
- 17 discuss that here. And that restraint does have to
- 18 do with acceleration limits of the rides on
- 19 patrons, and there was some changes to that.
- 20 Some for safety related control systems.
- 21 It does mandate what is required on the ride.
- This is probably one that everyone will
- 23 talk about, fending and guardrails and handrails.
- 24 The old version of 1193 which we reference

- 1 currently does have an exclusion for older rides
- 2 with existing fence. If we adopt 2291, that
- 3 exclusion is not in 2291. So anyone who has an old
- 4 ride that is using the old fence would have to have
- 5 new fence unless we would apply an exemption to
- 6 that.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: If I can make a comment on
- 8 that. The grandfather clause was for rides built
- 9 before January 1, 2003. So most, most states and
- 10 most operators have chosen to already upgrade their
- 11 fence to the current no sphere can go through a or
- 12 a four-inch sphere cannot go through the fence.
- 13 It is has to be at least 42 inches tall.
- 14 So -- and from what I have seen as I travel
- 15 around, there are very few fences out there that
- 16 don't adhere to that. So I'm not sure. I -- it
- 17 would be good for you guys to jump in during the
- 18 public comments and let us know if you see these
- 19 older fences out there or whether most people have
- 20 already changed to the, to the newer requirements.
- 21 MR. COE: Okay. They did -- again, with
- 22 fencing, they did include elevated platforms, some
- 23 requirements on those, which weren't in par with
- 24 old versions. 2291 actually does specify a group

- 1 of manuals that need to exist. I believe an
- 2 operator's maintenance manual. But it will be --
- 3 there is more manuals that are required, and they
- 4 are included in 770 which is another one of the
- 5 ones we are going to look at here real quick.
- 6 There are some clarifications included on
- 7 restraint designs.
- 8 This one clarifies the definition of
- 9 supervising companion. If you have a ride that
- 10 allows patrons under 48 inches, some of the ride
- 11 manufacturers define that they can ride that ride
- 12 with somebody. This defines who that somebody can
- 13 be, and it is not going to be his 48-inch tall
- 14 brother.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: If I can make another
- 16 comment. That also does not negate the
- 17 manufacturer from being able to set a more
- 18 conservative limit on the supervising companion.
- 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It is more for like the
- 20 merry-go-round.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: Well, and I think we say a
- 22 14-year-old person can be a supervising companion,
- 23 but, you know, you all know 14-year-olds don't
- 24 always watch their little brother or sister in a

- 1 ride, and I still have issues with that if that
- 2 child is going to be 60 feet in the air or, you
- 3 know, in a Scrambler seat and wants to stand up, or
- 4 is that older brother or sister going to even be
- 5 cognizant what they should and should not allow
- 6 that child to do.
- 7 So but that's where it stands right now.
- 8 But it has to be at least 14 years old. They have
- 9 to be at least 14 years old.
- 10 MR. COE: This last one is the modification
- in acceleration design. That goes back to the
- 12 statement about the restraints on the kiddie rides.
- One point that I do want to make, the act
- 14 does reference ASTM 2291. It says basically all
- 15 rides that are permitted in Illinois to operate
- 16 must comply with that standard.
- Now, what we have seen, not a whole lot of
- 18 but recently more, is we are seeing some of the
- 19 foreign companies, Japan, China, a couple other
- 20 companies over in the Europe side, they are sending
- 21 rides over into the US, and it is kind of just a
- 22 hit or miss whether they have that certification
- 23 with that ride. So that has caused a little bit of
- 24 problem with some rides. Generally speaking it has

- 1 all been worked out at the end, but that is
- 2 something to be aware of as you as owners going
- 3 forward, if you choose to purchase a new ride, just
- 4 make sure that it does have ASTM certification
- 5 attached with it.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON: That's merely a letter
- 7 written by the manufacturer.
- 8 MR. COE: That is -- I was going to talk to
- 9 you about that, but that is what we have
- 10 technically been handing -- either the manufacturer
- 11 will send a certification letter saying he has
- 12 designed the ride and meets all ASTM requirements,
- 13 he can specify 2291 if he wishes, or some of the
- 14 other owners have actually hired an independent
- 15 engineer to do an analysis on the ride and have
- 16 that engineer certify that that ride does meet ASTM
- 17 requirements.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON: There are auditors out there
- 19 who will also audit a ride to see if meets
- 20 standards.
- 21 MR. COE: We have not seen that side of it
- 22 yet. It was hard enough to find an engineer to
- 23 certify a ride.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: They don't want to take the

- 1 risk.
- 2 MR. COE: You are taking on a huge amount
- 3 of liability when you do that.
- 4 The next standard is 2974, changes in
- 5 documentation and record keeping and auditor
- 6 requirements. It does line out minimum audit
- 7 requirements, some of the procedures that the owner
- 8 and auditor have to follow. One of the interesting
- 9 things is an auditor must have a record of visual
- 10 acuity.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: And inspection?
- MR. COE: That is anybody doing and
- 13 inspection. If you are doing a qualified
- 14 inspection, visual, NDT, you have to have an eye
- 15 exam. That was -- that previous standard was
- 16 pretty short. There was very minimal changes to
- it, just a couple paragraphs. That should be
- 18 pretty easy.
- 19 ASTM 2374, that deals with inflatables.
- 20 This standard went from four pages to 32 pages. So
- 21 there is a huge amount of requirements on the
- 22 manufacturer now in the construction of new
- 23 inflatables. It does exempt all inflatables before
- 24 the date of publication. I don't have that date.

- 1 It would be 2018, some date in 2018 forward if we
- 2 adopted it.
- 3 One of the big things, shall have a
- 4 deflation alarm system in place if the ride is
- 5 greater than eight feet. Under the design
- 6 requirements, there is a significant amount of
- 7 design requirements that keep the ride from
- 8 deflating in case of power loss, something happens.
- 9 That has to be built into it. All of them must be
- 10 on a GFI circuit, and it does include similar
- 11 requirements such as 770 which is documentation.
- This one is probably going to be a lot
- 13 tougher. The last one, 7718, is the guidelines.
- 14 Basically what it says. The owner is responsible
- 15 to develop procedures for operation and
- 16 maintenance. That's if the manufacturer does not
- 17 already have that. And parts documentation and
- 18 training. So go ahead.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: This does not exempt the
- 20 manufacturer from writing in operating procedures
- 21 and maintenance procedures for the rides they
- 22 manufacture, but for the specific company, now they
- 23 are required to write operation manuals for their
- 24 employees. And to some extent they can take it

- 1 right out of the manual that the manufacturer
- 2 provides, but every show may have some of its own
- 3 requirements for who you call if there is an issue
- 4 or, you know, those kinds of things.
- 5 So each operator has to write their own
- 6 operations and maintenance because the
- 7 manufacturers manuals don't necessarily say who
- 8 needs to be providing what parts on the maintenance
- 9 but say if a park has one maintenance person and
- 10 then it has some good operators, they might have
- 11 the maintenance person responsible for one, two,
- 12 three, four and the operators responsible to at
- 13 least inspect for maintenance issues and then maybe
- 14 pass on that information to the maintenance person
- or to the owner or to whatever their line of
- 16 communication is. So that's why owners have to
- develop their own procedures for these things so
- 18 their people know who they are supposed to report
- 19 to on different things. So that it is just for
- 20 that particular company because you all might have,
- 21 you know, different lines of communication in your
- 22 companies, and you want to be sure the right person
- 23 is told if something is not wonderful.
- MR. COE: Kind of didn't set this slide up

- 1 too well. But, you know, kind of my perception of
- 2 it is every ride is going to have to have four
- 3 manuals; operation, maintenance, inspection and
- 4 training.
- 5 One thing that's important it does lay out
- on the maintenance side, it does require either
- 7 manufacturer's part, a part design for the
- 8 manufacturer's spec or and equivalent part. When
- 9 you buy an equivalent part, it is pretty much on
- 10 you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: Yes, it is.
- MR. COE: So you have to keep very good
- documentation what you do on each ride if it is not
- 14 using OEM parts basically.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: For instance, if someone goes
- 16 to a bearing house and says I need a bearing like,
- 17 you know, SF47, which is the bearings for a
- 18 Scrambler and they say oh, yeah, we have got one
- 19 here, well, some of those bearings don't have the
- 20 same dimensions or holding power, and you might
- 21 have your unit fall out of the top sweep with the
- 22 equivalent bearing.
- MR. COE: Correct.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: So it is on you if you, if

- 1 you do -- I'm just saying that's for something that
- 2 I have personally know about, and there, I'm sure
- 3 there are other things that, you know, may come up,
- 4 and you want to be really careful what you choose
- 5 to outsource.
- 6 MR. COE: And keep it in your record books.
- 7 The last requirement under the standard is
- 8 they spell out basically as a seller and a buyer,
- 9 what documentation should transpire when a ride
- 10 transfers ownership. So, you know, maintenance
- 11 records, manuals, EDT lists.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON: Any bulletins that they
- 13 received.
- MR. COE: Right, on the ride. So this is
- 15 very, very brief, and as Bill said, it is going to
- 16 be a fairly long process to get this completed.
- 17 This is just a start. There are a couple other
- 18 standards. We have not focused on those yet, but
- 19 those are pretty much selected standards. One of
- 20 them is for small railroads. That's one we just
- 21 found that just came out that may apply. But if
- 22 you have any questions, you know, please let me
- 23 know. Contact me at this number and email. I will
- 24 try to answer your question as best I can.

- 1 If you want to go to the next slide, start
- 2 it. Okay. We are ready for 2018 review.
- 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Not quite.
- 4 MR. COE: Not quite.
- 5 MR. SZERLETICH: Next up, aerial adventure
- 6 courses.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON: Want to stand up so everybody
- 8 can hear you.
- 9 MR. SZERLETICH: Sure. So there are
- 10 several varieties of aerial adventure courses.
- 11 There are zip lines, canopy tour type, outdoor,
- 12 indoor, rope courses, canopy standalone, integrated
- 13 with zip lines, trekking courses, track courses.
- 14 Within the span of about two weeks we were
- informed of a fatality involving a young child at
- 16 an indoor gym that was utilizing a fabricated zip
- 17 line. The child was not secured into the zip line.
- 18 We were also notified of an injury involving a
- 19 young patron that was using and indoor aerial
- 20 adventure course which that child fell onto a video
- 21 arcade and then onto the floor. The investigation
- 22 --
- MS. RHODES: Those were both in our city?
- MR. SZERLETICH: Yes. The investigation by

- 1 local authorities suggested the fall to be caused
- 2 by improper attachment of the harness to the
- 3 attachment point. The Department is not aware of
- 4 any rise in incidents involving AEC industry, but
- 5 nonetheless we would like to consult with board
- 6 members to get their feedback to take under
- 7 advisement on possible expansion to include some or
- 8 all of these aerial adventure courses in our regs.
- 9 We currently have rules for outdoor canopy zip
- 10 lines, but we have no rules for other type of
- 11 attractions. They will require statutory changes
- 12 to our rule bringing them into our scope.
- There is a gentleman here today. I'd like
- 14 to ask the Board if they would allow him to speak
- 15 on this particular issue.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: Sure.
- 17 MR. SZERLETICH: His name is Bill. He came
- 18 down to talk to us today.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: Okie doke.
- 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you, Board, for
- 21 having these meetings, public meetings AND allowing
- 22 us to speak.
- 23 So the second child there was my daughter.
- 24 So my daughter is alive. Fell from 20 feet. The

- 1 kid the week before fell five feet and is not with
- 2 us anymore. So it matters what you guys do, and it
- 3 matters that you move to get these adventure
- 4 courses under somebody's purview.
- 5 I called the police department. They said
- 6 call the fire department. I called the fire
- 7 department. Nothing we can do. We called OSHA,
- 8 called federal OSHA, state OSHA. I ended up
- 9 talking to Bill. And what you guys do is needed in
- 10 more places than you are doing it now.
- 11 These adventure courses, they are not that
- 12 new. I mean, the technology changes. It is not
- 13 under your current jurisdiction is my
- 14 understanding, but it is not changing that fast. I
- 15 mean, let's get this on there.
- 16 You know, everybody here who is a parent
- 17 can imagine the phone call I got. She was at a
- 18 birthday party. Your daughter fell 20 feet, get to
- 19 the hospital, this hospital. I was shaking so bad
- 20 I couldn't drive. But I got there, and no parent
- 21 should go through that. No kid should go through
- 22 what she went through. She won't get on an
- 23 escalator now. So what you guys do matters.
- 24 Equipment and training, inspections, I

- 1 quess they were maybe week or two away from doing
- 2 another training. I mean, it is a pizza place, it
- 3 is a bowling alley, it is an arcade, and then they
- 4 have got this elevated rope course up 20 feet and
- 5 they will put kids on it. You know, pay them
- 6 enough money.
- 7 I don't know how many adults were in the
- 8 place, but the other parents at the birthday party
- 9 told me clearly not enough. They're a business.
- 10 They are making a decision of more cost for more
- 11 safety or more profits, and without somebody
- 12 auditing them, they are making some bad decisions.
- 13 More training costs money. Better equipment costs
- money.
- I think parents kind of assume that -- you
- 16 know, I hate to use that word "assume", but I did
- 17 when I sent her off to the party that they will be
- 18 safe.
- 19 You know, you can't count the kids that Tom
- 20 and your team saves because you don't get those
- 21 stories, but you can count the ones who fall. So I
- 22 just implore you that move quicker, take ownership
- 23 of these. They are already -- by my understanding,
- 24 you already have under your purview the zip lines

- 1 that are true zip lines, carabiner and those, but
- 2 now they are putting them on tracks. So it
- 3 doesn't, doesn't meet the definition of a zip line.
- 4 So nobody, nobody is looking at them.
- 5 So, again, thank you for what you guys do.
- 6 Just do more of it.
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sorry to hear about your
- 8 daughter.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: Bill, we are, we are very
- 10 sorry to hear about your daughter and about the
- 11 other child who was lost. One thing I would
- 12 recommend is to report to the CPSC because they --
- 13 and not that we don't want to do something about
- 14 it, too. I don't mean that. But they are the
- 15 biggest collectors of data and sometimes can give
- 16 us more information about how we should go forward
- 17 and what kinds of things we should require when we
- 18 are, when we are writing these things and getting
- involved in, which is good for us to have as much
- 20 information as possible. But I would definitely
- 21 recommend that you contact the CPSC and make a
- 22 report of this because they have the biggest
- 23 database of these kinds of things, and that would
- 24 help everyone because we don't want to see parents

- 1 go through what you have gone through either.
- 2 That's why we are all here, and that's why, that's
- 3 why we come to these meetings and do our best to
- 4 make good rules and good -- try to do a good job.
- 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, you certainly are
- 6 making a lot of difference in a lot of things. You
- 7 know, when I first learned of it and got talking
- 8 with him, I'm very happy that you guys are there,
- 9 doing what you are doing, having these meetings,
- 10 and keep you know -- just because technology
- 11 changes shouldn't exempt some businesses from being
- 12 underneath, you know, being inspected.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Right. We appreciate your
- 14 coming and sharing your story. I'm sure it was not
- 15 easy and take our hello's and regards to your
- 16 daughter and your family because I know it is a
- 17 horrible thing to happen. We'd like to keep those
- 18 things from happening. So thank you very much. We
- 19 appreciate your coming here.
- MR. SZERLETICH: Thank you, Bill.
- 21 All right. Year in review. Okay. So we
- 22 are going to go, we are going to go over
- 23 statistics, accident reports, safety bulletins and
- 24 department updates. I'm just going to gloss over

- 1 this real quick. The numbers are about where they
- 2 always are; 1183 follow-up inspections; inspections
- 3 issued was 4,292; total locations dropped a little
- 4 bit; total companies, about the same as the
- 5 previous year.
- Accident comparison, we had ten accidents
- 7 this year. Up just a little bit. Nine of them
- 8 were nonmechanical and one of them mechanical.
- 9 Okay. Here is a breakdown of the accident
- 10 report. We had a coaster where a person suffered a
- 11 seizure; a carousel, a child reaching out for
- 12 something and fell off a dinosaur ride. The ride
- 13 was not running at the time of the incident and got
- 14 a laceration below the nose; laceration to the back
- of the head on a ride where a patron was struck by
- 16 a pin that was ejected from another ride. That was
- 17 a mechanical one.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON: Question.
- 19 MR. SZERLETICH: Uh-huh.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: So do you not also put the
- 21 other ride from whence came the pin?
- MR. SZERLETICH: I can tell you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: What?
- MR. SZERLETICH: It was an Ali Baba.

1 CHAIRPERSON: Oh, there are two Ali Babas? MR. SZERLETICH: Okay. Yeah, the Ali Baba 2 3 threw the pin. 4 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. Sorry. 5 MR. SZERLETICH: The child was on a Tornado 6 ride. 7 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. 8 MR. SZERLETICH: Okay. Scrapes and 9 bruising on a Hampton rescue service ride. Unbuckled seatbelt, disembarked from the ride 10 cycle, bumped by the car behind and fell between 11 12 two cars. We have seen that before; 13 A Hustler, bruised shoulder and leg. Lost 14 her balance getting off ride and fell off of the 15 platform; 16 Run rock inflatable obstacle course; 17 sprained neck, running, climbing through obstacle 18 course, slipped and twisted their neck; 19 Starship 3000, this person slid past the 2.0 hair guard or climbed past it and hit their head on 21 the sweep when the seats raised, got a laceration 22 to the top of the head. 2.3 Another coaster returned to the station 24 where a patron was unresponsive. Possible seizure;

Zip line, patron became dizzy and ill while 1 2 on the zip line. No physical injury; 3 And finally wind tunnel, fell during exiting the wind tunnel and suffered shoulder pain. 4 5 That's what we had for accidents this year. 6 We did operation inspections this season 7 again at various carnivals throughout the state. 8 We had observed ride operations for any 9 safety-related issues. Inspections were conducted 10 in evening and on weekends while rides were 11 operational. 12 I put down just a few of the comments from 13 the inspectors. One was observed ride operator 14 removing patrons from inside the fenced area before 15 operating the ride. Ride operators doing exactly 16 what they are supposed to do, looking around, 17 making sure the area is clear. No one is in an 18 area where they can get hurt before you turn the 19 ride on. So that was good. 2.0 CHAIRPERSON: Kudos to that inspector for 21 catching something good. 22 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah. Observed two 23 operators using cell phones while operating rides.

One operator was spinning tubs. Operation's

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- 1 management was notified. Issues were resolved
- 2 quickly. And lastly, great job by -- this is their
- 3 words -- great job by ride operator on Spider ride
- 4 assisting patron from the ride. All in all, you
- 5 know, a lot of positives on the operational side
- 6 that were observed.
- 7 We had lot of safety bulletins this year.
- 8 I do have a copy of all of the safety bulletins.
- 9 If somebody needs it, I will be more than happy to
- 10 give it to you. I have got a very limited copy,
- 11 but I can email it to you. We will eventually put
- 12 them on the web site.
- 13 Lifting Paratrooper, weld failure. Visual
- 14 check for indications highly recommended.
- 15 Consideration of a secondary safety system between
- 16 the tub and dropper assembly to remove single point
- 17 of failure.
- I know there is a lot of Paratroopers out
- 19 there. Mr. Knight has one, and he had it
- 20 engineered and had a secondary safety system
- 21 installed on it and it looks pretty good. So there
- is another operator, too, that has a secondary
- 23 system on it.
- I definitely would take these -- when you

- 1 take them off droppers, I would look at them.
- 2 Right where they slide in, there is a bolt that's
- 3 welded onto a big washer. That washer is welded
- 4 onto a housing. You need to check that, make sure
- 5 there is no cracking thee. That's where they are
- 6 cracking.
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I ask a question? It
- 8 was mentioned that you might want those NDT'd on an
- 9 annual basis, the washers. Do you want those taken
- 10 apart and done or --
- 11 MR. SZERLETICH: You know, I, I think if
- 12 you have a secondary system on there, I don't
- 13 really think you need to NDT it. You know, if you
- 14 don't -- I think what I was telling my operators
- 15 was at least, you know, to start you should NDT it
- 16 the start of the season. I would recommend do it
- 17 every year. I can't mandate it. It is -- you
- 18 know, unless we see a reason to. I mean, there
- 19 hasn't been but I think one of these that this has
- 20 happened to. So if we see an increase in it, maybe
- 21 that's something we would want done, but at this
- 22 point, it is, you know, highly recommended to do it
- 23 yearly.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: Is that a place where if they

- 1 used a wire brush and cleaned it up, they can even
- 2 just see it?
- 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah, yeah, you can see
- 4 it.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON: Because I understand that
- 6 they have to --
- 7 MR. SZERLETICH: At least the pictures of
- 8 the one of the bulletin that I got, you could see
- 9 it.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 11 MR. SZERLETICH: It is not to say, you
- 12 know, doesn't corroded from the inside and then all
- 13 a sudden went when it breaks, the whole thing comes
- 14 apart.
- But, you know, everybody knows these
- 16 Paratroopers have been around awhile. So they are
- 17 getting up there in age.
- 18 Same with the Roundup. Box section
- 19 deterioration. The bottom of the sweeps where
- 20 cages are pinned, we are seeing cracking around the
- 21 pinholes and some wear there.
- So A.R.M. Supershot, mandatory install of
- 23 secondary locking mechanism must be completed by
- 24 May 30th. I'm sure everybody that has a Supershot

- 1 has already had this done.
- 2 And Zamperla Rockin' Tug, main gondola axle
- 3 cracking. I have not heard of a lot of, you know,
- 4 a lot of these happening, but I know there is a lot
- of Rockin' Tugs out there. Approximate ten years
- 6 of age.
- 7 Ali Baba, pre-play movement in lap bar
- 8 restraint when locking system is engaged. If
- 9 measurement exceeds two and a quarter inch,
- 10 continued operation is prohibited. So you lift up
- on the shoulder harness, you measure from the
- 12 bottom of the shoulder harness to the horn, and it
- 13 should be no more than two and a quarter inches.
- 14 Don't pull up on it real hard, just take the slack
- out and take the measurement that way.
- And a lot of these, you know, are like
- 17 earlier in the year. So you are probably familiar
- 18 with lot of these bulletins.
- 19 The Chance Yo-Yo, installation of a sweep
- 20 cylinder check valve. Completion date was 11-2-18.
- 21 We have got picture of them. They are similar to
- 22 the ones that already are on there. The new ones
- 23 are more of a hexagon shape. I believe there is
- 24 two of them. So those have to be changed out with

- 1 the newer, newer design check valves.
- 2 Chance Wipe Out, visual inspection of the
- 3 turret frame. There is several areas on the turret
- 4 frame where they have been known to crack. A lot
- 5 of them are on the pivot points or on the big
- 6 turret where the crossbars on each side of the
- 7 bearing where they attach to the huge beams, right
- 8 there in those corners have been known to crack.
- 9 Again, if anybody needs these bulletins I
- 10 have them.
- 11 Moser Spring ride, the clamp that holds the
- 12 hydraulic valve and pipe moves out of position,
- 13 stresses out the upper hose connection, causes
- 14 hydraulic ram seal to get repositioned or out of
- 15 position, causes it to leak. You will definitely
- 16 see hydraulic fluid.
- S & S Worldwide tower rides, we were
- 18 talking this earlier today. We are not sure if
- 19 this involves smaller rides or if it is their big
- 20 spectaculars. But they have added a restraint
- 21 redundancy requirement per ASTM 2291. It is
- 22 basically another seatbelt, or you can buy a brand
- 23 new seat. I know which way everybody is going to
- 24 go.

- 1 Tivoli Spin Out, six-month mag particle and
- 2 ultrasound inspection NDT on seat arm, and that's a
- 3 weekly visual inspection. There is quite a few of
- 4 those out there.
- 5 And a Tivoli Remix, inspection and
- 6 reinforcement of the seat side rails. Had some of
- 7 them break, and they have added more area where
- 8 they can secure them with extra bolts.
- 9 Non-destructive testing, we are going to
- 10 work on the NDT list. There has not been a whole
- 11 lot of change. Just a couple things. That will be
- on our web site. Once we get it updated, we will
- 13 run it through CARES. We will have them weigh in.
- 14 If they are okay with it, we will put -- they will
- 15 put it on their web site. So you can get it from
- 16 CARES, and you can get from
- 17 ridesafety.illinois.gov. We update that list every
- 18 year. That will be something we will be doing real
- 19 soon.
- Department policies, same thing I went over
- 21 in previous years. Only thing I will add this year
- 22 is some of you may already know, Margaret had an
- 23 accident. She is going to miss this season. She
- 24 --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What happened? 2 MR. SZERLETICH: She broke her ankle, and 3 it was pretty nasty. So she had to have surgery. 4 She got the surgery. She is on there, too, by the 5 way. 6 CHAIRPERSON: Hi, Margaret. 7 MS. ROYER: Yeah. Watch what you say. Ι 8 can hear you. 9 MR. SZERLETICH: So if I go too far, just 10 give me a shush. But broke her ankle, got surgery. We don't see her coming back until probably State 11 12 Fair time. So I know there is a lot of operators 13 that have Margaret come out, and Pete said he is 14 going to step up to the plate and take care of 15 things. We are all going to, realistically we are 16 all going to get it done. We want you guys to open 17 on time, and we don't want to delay that at all. 18 So I think that's all that I have got. 19 do want to say guys, be careful. The weather is 20 going to be nasty. Be careful driving home this 21 weekend. We want to see you guys in the spring. Ι 22 will open it up you guys for questions. 2.3 MS. ROYER: Can I say something real guick? 24 MR. SZERLETICH: Sure.

1 MS. ROYER: I just wanted to since I'm not 2 there, I just wanted to thank Joe for everything 3 that he did for our department, everything that he 4 did for me as an inspector and it was truly 5 appreciated, and you will be missed as always, and 6 probably we will see him down the road someplace or 7 even on a roller coaster at Six Flags. So --8 (Applause) 9 MR. SZERLETICH: I have got to say Joe is 10 one of the few directors that would gladly get on any ride and ride it, so --11 12 Thank you. Thank you. MR. BEYER: 13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I want to ask about the 14 eye exam for the guy that does the NDT. Should we 15 be asking them for an eye exam or some sort of certification? 16 17 MR. SZERLETICH: For who? 18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The guy that does the 19 Said he knees an eye exam or something. NDT. 2.0 MR. SZERLETICH: Well, we don't reference 21 that standard yet. 22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. 2.3 MR. SZERLETICH: He said they had to have 24 an eye exam. I was wondering do they have to pass

- 1 the eye exam. He didn't specify.
- 2 MR. COE: It is one those of things, visual
- 3 acuity, again, is kind of -- there is like a
- 4 four-paragraph definition in the dictionary if you
- 5 look it up. So it is kind of something that you
- 6 can define. Does he have to be 20/20 corrected?
- 7 It doesn't say that, but he has to be able to see,
- 8 I mean.
- 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sure. So if he is not
- 10 carrying a white cane, probably in good shape.
- 11 MR. COE: I would say if he is legally
- 12 blind in one eye --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: Asking for somebody else.
- MR. COE: We have not adopted it yet, so
- 15 you are good for now.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: But most of you can imagine
- it is a good idea for anybody who is inspecting, I
- 18 mean, if you, if you can't see a crack and it is
- 19 there, then you need to get corrective lenses or
- 20 find another job.
- 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sure.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON: Because that's, you know,
- 23 that's not helpful if you miss things.
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: At what point do you see

1 yourself adopting those standards? 2 CHAIRPERSON: Hopefully relatively soon, 3 but all of the changes in the standards are, I mean, there are probably several hundred pages of 4 new standards. Some of them are extremely 5 6 difficult to understand. There is what we call a 7 rosette of what kind of restraints you should have or what kind of levels of G-forces, and that's 8 9 something that I don't think we will get into in here. But that's more of a manufacturer 10 requirement and difficult for even an inspector, 11 12 maybe even for an engineer to see. 13 But there are going to be some things that 14 are glaringly apparent that we should, we should 15 Hopefully we will get those done sooner adopt. 16 rather than later, but there is just a huge, huge 17 amount of information, new information, in the ASTM 18 standards that we will have to sift through, and 19 maybe Tom will have to send out all of the new, new 20 things we are looking at to the board members and 21 say if you are having trouble sleeping, here is 22 some nightly reading. 2.3 But I think we all need to be looking at 24 some of these things and understanding what the new

- 1 requirements are. And there are aerial adventure
- 2 course new standards. So we have something to look
- 3 at there.
- 4 And one of the issues is for us to bring
- 5 anything into our regulations, it is a long
- 6 process, but I think just as far as an eye exam,
- 7 the Department can decide, you know, we think our
- 8 inspectors should have eye exams or if we are going
- 9 to contract with an engineer or a third party, then
- 10 we have to know that they have visual acuity that
- 11 would allow them to see things that should be
- 12 caught. I mean -- yes?
- 13 MR. COE: I think just talking to our
- 14 legislative guide at the earliest it would be would
- 15 be next January.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON: Next April.
- 17 MR. BEYER: The formal administrative
- 18 rulemaking process generally takes six months plus
- 19 at a minimum. So that's one piece of it. The
- 20 piece prior to that is the work we are doing now,
- 21 that Tom is doing, I suppose one question for you
- 22 guys to consider after I'm gone is do we want to --
- 23 sounded like, Tom, you said there was some that are
- 24 still to be analyzed and considered for potential

- 1 incorporation. Perhaps we bifurcate it in a way
- 2 and say okay, we are good on these, let's get these
- 3 in the JCAR process as soon as possible as opposed
- 4 to waiting until we have done the very last one.
- 5 To the extent there are ones that are very
- 6 complicated or require additional meetings, might
- 7 be best to consider, you know, finding some type of
- 8 cutoff point based on complexity, whatever it may
- 9 be, moving those along again as we discussed
- 10 earlier for any fee changes that will allow
- 11 additional opportunity for consideration, public
- 12 comment, so on.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON: But you might even just send
- 14 us the parts that you are thinking would be good
- 15 first addition to our rules and send them out to
- 16 us. That's not a, that's not a, that's just
- 17 homework, that's not a meeting, right?
- 18 MR. SZERLETICH: Well, we have already
- 19 looked at F770, so if anyone wants to read up on
- 20 that. I really don't see anything that, you know,
- 21 would be a major sticking point, but that would be
- 22 probably the first one we would send out --
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 24 MR. SZERLETICH: -- for your consideration

1 CHAIRPERSON: Well, get sending it because 2 some of these things take time to digest. 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah. It is not a big 4 standard, so --5 CHAIRPERSON: And other things are 6 apparent, so --7 MR. SZERLETICH: Uh-huh. The big one, to 8 be honest with you, is going to be 2291. It is a 9 big design standard. It seems like ASTM is 10 throwing everything in there. So, you know, we are saving that one for last. 11 12 CHAIRPERSON: Well, and that's more on the 13 manufacturer than it is on the operator. The one 14 place where you all need to be aware is if you are 15 buying a pre-owned ride, you need to be sure that 16 it has not been modified in any way because you may 17 have a real issue with getting it approved if that 18 modification was not properly engineered. Not that 19 people can't modify, but you have to do your own 20 engineering if you do that and have a PE stamp it. It is not an easy task. And if one manufacturer 21 22 has modified another manufacturer's ride, then you 2.3 better be looking at what kind of back-up they have 24 engineering wise. Yes?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I know a Tilt-A-Whirl I 1 2 bought from a party that was tilted. 3 CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. AUDIENCE MEMBER: And now it became a Super 4 5 Tilt and he had engineering done. Do I have a 6 problem with this? 7 CHAIRPERSON: Not as long as they have had 8 a PE stamp the drawings and stamp the okie doke. 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So having a Super Tilt 10 wouldn't bother it? It is definitely different. 11 CHAIRPERSON: If they went through the 12 proper steps, and I think Vic does try to go 13 through the proper steps. 14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. 15 CHAIRPERSON: Then I wouldn't be so 16 concerned. But say if a ride operator was making 17 the changes to a ride, which often happens, then when they try to sell it, it can't get, especially 18 19 in California or New Jersey, that ride may never 20 run because it was not properly engineered and 21 signed off on. 22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: As long as the other did 2.3 it and certified it? 24 CHAIRPERSON: Well, yeah.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Engineer. 2 Engineer, correct. CHAIRPERSON: 3 MR. SZERLETICH: One other thing. Sorry. 4 Since Margaret is out, one of the things on the 5 slide that I talk about every year was get your 6 application in, you know, as soon as you can. 7 That's more important than ever this year so we 8 can, you know, get everybody, you know, figure out 9 how we are going to do everything in Margaret's 10 absence, get everybody inspected so we can get open 11 on time. 12 If anybody has Zippers compliance 13 statement, I don't have one with me, but if you 14 need one, every year you fill one of those out. Ιf 15 you need one, let me know. I can send it out to 16 you. 17 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. I think we need to do the next meeting time and location before we get 18 19 off track because I think there is still public 20 comments and questions that might be coming in. 21 So what we have here is the next meeting 22 location and time is Thursday, September 12th, 2.3 2019, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. It will be in 24 Chicago probably at the Bilandic Building. That

- 1 may depend on availability of the board members.
- 2 It has before. But right now that's the -- it is
- 3 September 12, 2 to 4.
- 4 So other public comments, questions? Do we
- 5 have any comments from our rental company?
- 6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, about public versus
- 7 private events?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON: And maybe you can tell us a
- 9 little bit about what you, what you do to help --
- 10 MS. LENNON: Well, whether I'm renting to a
- 11 homeowner or it is a public event, I do have
- 12 training. So I have got a training manual that we
- 13 go through with every -- whoever is going to
- 14 operate it. My employees signs off they have been
- 15 trained, and the customer signs off. That's in
- 16 addition to the posting on the inflatable itself.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON: Uh-huh.
- 18 MS. LENNON: So we take that to the house,
- 19 and we are expecting the parents are going to watch
- 20 the kids.
- I have been to parties, like, my own family
- 22 parties. I don't provide inflatables anymore for
- 23 my own family parties because parents do not watch
- 24 their kids.

CHAIRPERSON: Wise choice. 1 MS. LENNON: That inflatable is a baby --2 3 yes, that inflatable is a baby-sitter. I know there are lots of inflatable rentals out of 4 5 garages, and that those people don't even carry 6 liability insurance. So if inspections helped 7 that, that in itself would make it safer. there are lots of inflatables. I don't know how 8 9 you would ever staff that. 10 CHAIRPERSON: Yeah. 11 MS. LENNON: I can't imagine. As far as 12 accidents, what I have seen are usually wind 13 related because even if those are staked into the 14 ground correctly, like this gentleman said, you 15 don't know the soil conditions. You can't. Nobody 16 is really watching the wind. You know, oh, the 17 wind is over 15 miles per hour, better deflate it. People just don't think that way. So I don't know 18 19 if the extra inspections would help --2.0 CHAIRPERSON: Help that? 21 MS. LENNON: -- safety. The only thing 22 that I can see would be that liability insurance. 2.3 So whoever is renting that, if something did happen 24 at least --

1 CHAIRPERSON: They would know they are 2 covered. 3 MS. LENNON: Yeah. Well, or just to see there is 4 CHAIRPERSON: 5 training going on. 6 MS. LENNON: Uh-huh, yes. 7 CHAIRPERSON: I think the lack of communication to whoever is monitoring the 8 9 inflatable, assuming someone is -- and I have been, 10 I have been to parties where, I think our church had one, and I said I am totally opposed to this 11 12 and unless somebody is willing to take the 13 responsibility to stand right there and be sure the rules are followed --14 15 MS. LENNON: Right. 16 CHAIRPERSON: -- I said because you don't 17 want the liability that can come with that. 18 MS. LENNON: Which is what I like about 19 state inspections, that volunteer sheet. So we 2.0 make sure that, you know, at the church event, 21 Suzie is to going watch it and Ann is going to 22 watch it, and they all get training, and they all 23 sign off. Now, whether or not that happens, I 24 don't know, but at least I know I have a clear

- 1 conscious that training was provided.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON: Okie doke. What are -- so
- 3 those are your opinions on us getting into that.
- 4 MS. LENNON: I cannot imagine that you
- 5 would ever be able to staff private events, the
- 6 inspections for that. It would be -- you would
- 7 need lots of staff. Then I can see the fees going
- 8 way up. Maybe if the fees went up there would be
- 9 less inflatables, though, because people couldn't
- 10 --
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: Or all inflatables would have
- 12 to pay fees.
- MS. LENNON: Uh-huh.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON: That might cut some down, but
- it is, it is an issue when there are good operators
- or good owners of rentals and then owners who just,
- 17 you know, hey, I can make money.
- 18 MS. LENNON: It is easy to buy them used
- 19 and just a make few extra bucks in the summer. I
- 20 see a lot of that.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: Well, and if you ever see one
- 22 going up in a public place, call them because
- 23 that's not allowed, and they will be asked to cease
- 24 and desist if they aren't registered which will

- 1 help overall, too. But if it is put up for the
- 2 public, that's not, that's not okay if they have
- 3 not been, you know, registered, have their tag, all
- 4 of that kind of thing. Yes, Bill?
- 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a couple
- 6 questions. One is, I think, on your mechanical
- 7 rides, you were talking there is a lot of
- 8 inflatables out there; it would be too hard. You
- 9 say there is a few mechanical rides for rental. I
- 10 would recommend that you guys inspect those because
- if somebody did get hurt on here -- we have a
- 12 gentleman that got hurt on something that
- 13 technically is not a carnival ride but an extreme
- 14 ride, and I would recommend you inspect all those,
- 15 too.
- 16 But I think mechanical rides, any
- 17 mechanical ride should be inspected by you guys.
- 18 You are going to have that problem that we had with
- 19 the guy with the slide.
- 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I agree with you.
- 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And then a quorum, I
- 22 don't want a discussion on this. You guys need to
- 23 figure out if a phone call is good for a quorum.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON: They are not counted a part

- 1 of the quorum.
- 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why not?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON: Because they are not present.
- 4 They are not physically here.
- 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. So then if they
- 6 are not -- small discussion. If they are not part
- of the quorum, they probably shouldn't be on the
- 8 call. They shouldn't have any opinion, then.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON: Well, we want them to stay --
- 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Informed.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON: -- about what is going on.
- 12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. But they should
- 13 not have any discussion if they are not part of the
- 14 quorum.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: Well, I don't say discussion,
- 16 I say vote.
- 17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, they don't have a
- 18 vote. I think you guys probably need to figure
- 19 that out if a phone call is part of the quorum, to
- 20 try and figure that out and have it in writing.
- 21 MR. SZERLETICH: It is not part of the
- 22 quorum. We know that.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: It is not part of the quorum.
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. We have a problem

- 1 because we do phone calls on our, a couple
- 2 organizations we are in, and we figure those are
- 3 part of our quorum based on our bylaws. Maybe that
- 4 is okay with the bylaws.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON: Maybe they -- say that again.
- 6 MR. KIRSCHNER: It is specific to the way
- 7 the statute is written. It is not a one size fits
- 8 all for all meetings.
- 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Got ya. Okay. That's
- 10 your, that's your bylaw. Okay.
- 11 MR. KIRSCHNER: It is how the statute is.
- 12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sorry, guys. Elevated
- 13 platforms, 2291. Okay. So an elevated platform,
- 14 you are going to figure 42 inches from an elevated
- 15 platform, and you are going to figure on four
- 16 inches between fencing. So like a Tilt-A-Whirl
- 17 with red bars will not be allowed.
- MR. SZERLETICH: If we was to pass that
- 19 standard like that.
- 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. I am recommending
- 21 that standard doesn't --
- MR. SZERLETICH: Well, you can, you can
- 23 take some things out. You can --
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Well, I can't.

- 1 MR. SZERLETICH: Right. You being that's
- 2 what the discussion is going to be about.
- 3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, yeah. I think you
- 4 should look at all bumper cars and Tilt-A-Whirls
- 5 because I think the bumper cars wouldn't pass
- 6 either because it slopes down on the one end. I
- 7 don't believe that's 42 inches. Not that I want to
- 8 change all my fencing on my bumper cars or I don't
- 9 want to change all my fencing on my Tilt-A-Whirls.
- 10 So that's something that you guys need to look at.
- I never heard of anybody flying out of a
- 12 Tilt-A-Whirl in between the fencing. I have heard
- of people flying over the top but never in between.
- 14 So that's something to look at. I am surprised
- 15 nobody else brought that up.
- AUDIENCE MEMBER: Other states had a bar,
- 17 that's about it. They had a third rail but not the
- 18 four-inch thing.
- 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't have a third rail
- 20 either, so --
- Okay. My last my last comment will -- some
- 22 of you guys will probably think it is a great idea.
- 23 I'm a past chairman of the OABA, and the OABA
- 24 started a virtual online training, okay? It is

- 1 called Volt. So you have to be a member, a
- 2 carnival member. You should -- I would recommend
- 3 that the Board look at the OABA. It makes it easy
- 4 for anybody to go through that.
- 5 We are also looking -- I thought we were
- 6 going to have it done for this year. We have a
- 7 board meeting coming up in two weeks to work with
- 8 NARSO so that you wouldn't have to go to spend 40
- 9 hours in NARSO. You can't take a test for NARSO,
- 10 but we are working on NARSO, although they have had
- 11 some changes there.
- But for the OABA, if anybody is not a
- 13 member, I just happen to have some applications. I
- 14 do recommend -- if you are a carnival and you are
- 15 not a member, I don't know why because it is the
- 16 largest trade association, and everybody should be
- 17 a member. Anybody, even the rental company. We
- 18 have a lot of people that are rental companies. I
- 19 have got applications. I'm done. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON: Something else. If you are
- 21 not having luck with NARSO, AIMS does AIMS on the
- 22 road as well. So that's another opportunity to
- 23 look at, and because if any of you wanted education
- to come to your spot, your, your show or even have

- 1 something that you invite some other shows to come
- 2 to, too, there is, of course, a charge for it, but
- 3 you can have training come to you, and the
- 4 instructors are all have their bonafides checked by
- 5 AIMS.
- And so there are opportunities for training
- 7 without having to -- this is week of the AIMS
- 8 seminar in Galveston, and I'm missing out on that
- 9 lovely weather down there to be here. But I'm
- 10 happy to be here because this is very important.
- But you do have, you do have opportunities
- 12 to have education come to you. So if you are
- interested, AIMS is also a provider of that. And I
- 14 have been on the AIMS board for 20 years, and I've
- just handed in my resignation because I think 20
- 16 years is long enough, and it is time for new blood
- 17 who knows all the new technology stuff. But it is
- 18 an excellent organization for education as well.
- Okay. Other comments?
- 20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'd like to ask a
- 21 question.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON: Go ahead.
- 23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: About that new directive,
- 24 whatever. It said you had to have a deflation

1 alarm on an inflatable over eight foot. What is 2 eight foot, the height of the whole thing, the 3 height of the bouncing area, the square footage of 4 the footprint? 5 MR. SZERLETICH: Where is Tom? 6 CHAIRPERSON: Tom? 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just curious. MR. COE: Yes, ma'am? 8 9 CHAIRPERSON: We have a question. The alarm for deflation of 10 MR. SZERLETICH: inflatables, is that on the new ASTM standard? 11 12 MR. COE: That is the new one. So anything that would be manufactured after the publication 13 14 date of that standard, if we adopted it, would have 15 to comply with that. 16 CHAIRPERSON: And the question is? 17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The eight foot 18 measurement? 19 MR. SZERLETICH: Is it eight foot tall? 2.0 MR. COE: Eight foot off the ground. 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Or the roof of the thing? 22 MR. COE: Eight foot off the ground. 23 you have anything that is eight foot tall. 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So like a slide.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON: Or column.
- 2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: My Raider has a slide.
- 3 All Raiders has a slide. Would I have to have one
- 4 on it?
- 5 MR. COE: It is not an inflatable.
- 6 MR. SZERLETICH: It has got one on it.
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: But if the slide
- 8 deflates, it is not --
- 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We have got a little 15
- 10 by 15 bounce house we put up as a filler between
- 11 other rides, you know.
- MR. SZERLETICH: The corners are generally
- 13 taller than --
- AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's got a canvas top.
- 15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: They are bouncing on a
- 16 floor about maybe two and a half foot thick, but
- 17 the roof, you know, is ten feet.
- 18 MR. COE: It is not the height of the
- 19 inflatable, it is the height of the platform that
- 20 highest that the person gets on.
- 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's what I thought.
- 22 Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Okay. So that answers that.
- 24 Okay. What else? Mr. Knight?

- 1 MR. KNIGHT: I'm thinking outside the box.
- 2 you are Saying there are lots incidents or
- 3 accidents on inflatables. What if the rental
- 4 company, what if a rental company, after they gave
- 5 the training, gave the operator a whistle. Now
- 6 they have got a tool to get everybody's attention,
- 7 get them to settle down, stop the horse play. I
- 8 think it would work.
- 9 As an operator with an inflatable -- I
- 10 don't have an inflatable, but if I did -- all my
- 11 lifeguards have whistles -- I'd put a whistle on
- 12 it. You know, whistles on the go-kart track to get
- 13 people's attention.
- 14 MR. SZERLETICH: I'm going to inspect some
- 15 inflatables in Chatham Glenwood tomorrow. That's
- 16 exactly what they do. The teachers blow a whistle.
- 17 It gets their attention. Everybody stops.
- 18 MR. KNIGHT: It does.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON: Teachers know how to do that.
- 20 Well, that might be an idea that you pass around to
- 21 your --
- MR. SZERLETICH: That is a good idea.
- 23 MR. KNIGHT: What if you test that out?
- 24 So, and so give them a \$3 whistle. What, \$500 for

1 the thing. Everybody goes home with all their 2 teeth. What do you lose? 3 MR. SZERLETICH: Yeah. CHAIRPERSON: Good idea. 5 MR. SZERLETICH: It is a good idea. 6 MR. BEYER: Can I -- just one more thing. 7 To the gentleman, Bill, who spoke, I just wanted to 8 say I hope you didn't, you know, interpret, you 9 know, as we have been here now two plus hours, the 10 comparative lack of discussion or deliberation by the Board as any sign of, you know, what you 11 12 brought up is not important to us. I think I can 13 speak for everyone that that's the case. 14 I think with things like this, especially 15 for these items that, structures we don't currently 16 regulate, there is a lot of learning that the 17 Department and the Board needs to do. 18 So my recommendation would be is to start 19 understanding. I think the core question is what 20 role, if any, should the State play with these in 21 terms of increased regulation or oversight, and the 22 first steps to that I would say are understanding 23 what these companies are currently doing, what 24 training they have, what inspections they do, what

- 1 insurance they have. I'm not sure, you know, we
- 2 have a great grip on that to be honest because we
- 3 don't inspect them. But before anything happens
- 4 like this again, I think it would certainly help if
- 5 we did have that. That allows us to continue from
- 6 there, you know, understanding the lay of the land
- 7 and what they are doing, seeing are there any gaps
- 8 to where we think they need to be.
- 9 So I just wanted to thank you for coming
- 10 today, and that would be my recommendation to the
- 11 Department to start to gather, at least gather
- 12 information from these companies to get a sense of
- 13 where they are. So --
- MR. SZERLETICH: Bill, we have started
- 15 that. Margaret has done a little research, I have
- 16 done a little research. Just like I told you on
- 17 the phone, this is where it all starts. We have
- 18 got to start gathering information to find out, you
- 19 know, how many are out there, other states, are
- 20 they regulating them, you know just kind of get --
- 21 just educate ourselves on these aerial adventure
- 22 courses because they are expending.
- 23 When we started zip lining rules, there was
- 24 one type of zip line. That was the big canopy zip

- 1 line. I mean long ones that go over tree tops.
- 2 The rules are geared towards those. Well, now it
- 3 is evolved into a lot of different attractions now.
- 4 So we need to bring that -- realize it, bring it
- 5 in, understand, you know, what is out there and
- 6 move forward. My intention is to move forward with
- 7 it from this point on, bring it into our scope.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON: Well, the last thing we want
- 9 to do is a knee jerk reaction which usually doesn't
- 10 end up well. But I think you're absolutely correct
- in saying that we need to be looking at this issue,
- 12 and we need to educate ourselves. Maybe while
- 13 Margaret has to stay off her foot, she can do some
- 14 additional reading on it.
- 15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She will love that one.
- MS. ROYER: I'm sure I will.
- 17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: So in addition to the zip
- 18 line and the other, do you regulate the trampoline
- 19 parks that they have coming up all over?
- MR. SZERLETICH: Not yet.
- 21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Are those considered a
- 22 ride or anything?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Not yet.
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Or under your --

1 MR. SZERLETICH: I see it coming. 2 CHAIRPERSON: ASTM does have a huge 3 standard on trampoline parks, and so at least there is something already on paper. But there again, 4 5 since so many of them are popping up, no pun 6 intended, that's a lot more inspecting that would 7 need to be done. 8 But I just, I shook my head when I heard 9 that they were becoming, you know, more and more 10 because I remember when they did the first time years ago, and so many people were breaking their 11 12 necks and having horrible accidents, and I thought 13 why would they want to do that again, you know. 14 History can teach us if we pay attention, so --15 And I -- but I have looked at the -- I have 16 read through and sent comments in on the current 17 standards, but it is, it is a whole different 18 animal than it was way back. 19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Why I ask that is because 20 I think all of us just maybe assume, maybe I'm just 21 thinking we all assumed, that these zip lines and 22 the device his daughter was on was automatically 23 inspected by the State whereas my daughter probably 24 thinks all those trampolines, because she knows

- 1 what inspections are for rides, she probably, in
- 2 her mind, assumes that those trampoline parks are
- 3 being --
- 4 CHAIRPERSON: Never assume that anything is
- 5 safe.
- 6 MR. SZERLETICH: That is the general --
- 7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You are right. You just
- 8 think, you know, the government is into everything,
- 9 so why not be into that.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON: Because they can't get money
- 11 out of it yet. But I agree that we should be.
- 12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: As you said, it takes
- 13 more money, and it takes more inspectors. Five
- 14 people can't do it all.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON: No. Yes?
- 16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just a follow-up with the
- 17 trampoline. They have to pass a new law to
- 18 regulate them because they are not, by definition,
- 19 considered to be covered under the current. So
- 20 there was an attempt a few years ago. The Governor
- 21 vetoed it.
- 22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: But, I think, you know, the
- 24 rope courses and those kinds of things are close

- 1 enough to zip lines or aerial adventure, you know,
- 2 that I think they will probably be brought into the
- 3 fold without too much argument. Especially since
- 4 there are already standards written for them, and
- 5 we wouldn't be starting with a blank sheet of paper
- 6 because all of the constituent who own them and
- 7 manufacture them as well as the public and
- 8 inspectors have all been involved in writing those
- 9 standards.
- So I think there good, and they are pretty
- 11 fair to everybody. Especially for us being able to
- 12 take all these expert opinions or the result of all
- 13 these expert opinions, it makes it easier for us to
- 14 say well, we have got something good already
- 15 written, and we can refer to that if the State
- 16 decides that yes, we want to bring this under our
- 17 umbrella. I like you, I think it is good a idea.
- 18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: It seems like you are the
- 19 right group. Like you say, you have a head start.
- 20 So some of it transfers, the amount of training and
- 21 operations, that sort of thing. So I another
- 22 you're trying. Call to action. Bring them in
- 23 CHAIRPERSON: Okay.
- 24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Call for a motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON: Yeah, are -- does anybody 2 have anything else that you want to add or ask? 3 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON: Well, then, I would -- yes? 4 5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you, Joe. I will 6 endeavor not to call the new director a crash test 7 dummy. 8 MR. BEYER: Being able to get on those 9 rides was really the only reason I took the job. 10 MR. SZERLETICH: You did enjoy riding them 11 rides. 12 MR. BEYER: Yes, at a young age. 13 CHAIRPERSON: That's how you stay young. 14 MR. SZERLETICH: That's awesome. 15 CHAIRPERSON: Well, on behalf of the Board, 16 I would like to thank you for being involved, not 17 just being a part of it but being involved on our 18 board. And we have had, we have had a very good, I 19 think, relationship with you and appreciate your 20 willingness to be, to participate in what's going 21 We have had some director just send their 22 attorney and, you know. And, well, but the 2.3 director themselves didn't care enough to be 24 involved or didn't make high enough priority to be

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     involved. I think when it comes to public safety,
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     it is very important for the Director to be
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     involved. And we have had some very good directors
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     who -- Art, was it Ludwig? Art, yeah. Art was
     very involved. He'd go ride rides, too. And I
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     think I think that should be part of the Director's
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     job.
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            But sincerely I want to thank you for all
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     you have done and the fact that you have actually
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     participated and cared, cared about this, the
     agency, and the Board and what we are trying to do.
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                        (Applause)
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            CHAIRPERSON: And with that being said, I
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     would entertain a motion to adjourn.
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            MR. BROWN: I will.
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            MR. SPARKS: I will second.
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            CHAIRPERSON: Moved and a second. Those
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     opposed?
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