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1	MR. KLEINIK: I want to thank you everybody for
2	coming. I'll call the meeting to order for the
3	amusement ride and attraction safety board meeting for
4	Wednesday September 16, 2020 being at 2:02 p.m. I would
5	like to call the roll, please.
6	MS. PIERCE: Okay. Thank you, director. The
7	roll call, Michael, ride director.
8	MR. KLEINIK: Here.
9	MS. PIERCE: Weston Sparks.
10	MR. SPARKS: I'm here.
11	MS. PIERCE: Daniel Schwabe.
12	MR. SCHWABE: Yes, I'm here.
13	MS. PIERCE: Joseph.
14	MR. REDSHAW: Present.
15	MS. PIERCE: Bradley Brown.
16	MR. BROWN: Here.
17	MS. PIERCE: David Bennett.
18	MR. BENNETT: Yes. I'm here. I'm here on my
19	phone. Sorry the volume is not working on my computer.
20	MS. PIERCE: Patty Sullivan. Patty Sullivan.
21	William Jennings. William Jennings. Jessica Yard.
22	Jessica Yard. That's all the roll call.
23	MR. KLEINIK: Mr. Jennings, I heard him come on
24	earlier. So I did hear him say he was on board, so.
25	MS. PIERCE: He is on board?

MR. KELLER: Who did you say, director? 1 2 MR. KLEINIK: Jennings. I heard him come on. MS. PIERCE: William Jennings. 3 4 MR. KLEINIK: Okay. Just like a little 5 housekeeping. As of the last meeting, the board elected a chairman, and then the chairman's term expired shortly 6 7 thereafter. 8 I have put in to the governor's office for that 9 to be reappointed and have no doubt it's going to be 10 reappointed. It's just a matter of COVID hit about at the same 11 time all this stuff was going on. There's not been very 12 13 many appointments that's happening. 14 But I know that the governor was -- the deputy 15 governor was meeting with the governor yesterday about 16 appointments. So hopefully that will get that taken 17 care of. 18 So if there's no objections to the board, if it's 19 okay that I can ask for the approval of the agenda and the minutes, and then turn it over to the division 20 21 manager. Is there any objections for that to happen? 22 23 Hearing no objections, do you guys have a copy of the 24 agenda, and then approval of the minutes of the board meeting on January 16, 2020? 25

Is there a motion to adopt or to approve the 1 2 board minutes? Or is there any corrections or additions or subtractions of that? 3 4 MR. BROWN: I'll make a motion to approve. This 5 is Brad Brown. 6 MR. KLEINIK: I have a motion from Brad Brown to 7 approve. Do I have a second? 8 MR. SPARKS: I'll second. 9 MR. KLEINIK: I have Mr. Sparks to second it. 10 All those in favor, say aye. 11 (WHEREUPON, ALL VOTING MEMBERS VOTED AYE.) 12 MR. KLEINIK: Those opposed? Hearing no opposed, motion carries. 13 14 Division manager, Mr. Coe, if you would like to 15 start, go ahead and go. 16 MR. COE: Okay. We're just going to do a quick review to the January meeting just in case not 17 everyone's up to speed on it. 18 19 We did approve a new inflatable fee structure for 20 large inflatables. We okayed regulation of aerial 21 adventure courses. We do have those rules in place. 22 They're actually at JCAR. We'll talk about that in a 23 second. 24 We did have one addition to an annual requirement 25 for all ride operators and approved the adoption ASTM

F770, F2374, and F2974. 1 2 So we'll leave it -- does anybody have any questions about that at this time? Okay. Hearing none, 3 4 we can get into some of the old business. 5 Since we approved all these modifications, the rules were updated, they were published August 28 for 6 7 the first open comment period. And that period ends October 12, I believe. 8 We 9 will have a slide on there. The comments are set up to go to Jason Keller in our office. 10 11 And the last day of TM standard 2291, we'll kind 12 of table it for now. That's going to be some pretty 13 in-depth interaction and didn't want to bring it up in a 14 Webex meeting because I figured it was going to cause too much back and forth. It would be better for an 15 16 in-face meeting. Okay. Any questions? 17 MR. KLEINIK: Yeah, I just -- if you guys here, you know, on the rules, if you look at them and you have 18 19 any comments on them, just make the comments and send 20 them to Jason Keller, because we have to have a record 21 of what the comments are. 22 And then as a department, we'll answer back to 23 the people that put in their comments or need 2.4 clarification. I just wanted to put that on the table. Sorry, Tom. 25

1	MR. COE: So that brings up a good point. One
2	point that I did want to add is that we are hoping that
3	this process will be completed and the new rules will be
4	adopted January 1st of 2021. That's the plan.
5	Now hopefully, everybody that's on the Webex can
6	see the PowerPoint we got up on the screen.
7	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes we can, thanks.
8	MR. KELLER: Okay. You're welcome. Hopefully
9	this PowerPoint is going to be a little bit shorter than
10	usual, but we'll try to get through here. If you have
11	any questions, just type in.
12	Just wanted to throw this up here as far as the
13	old business. We talked about this a little bit, in
14	case anybody have any questions.
15	These are the four we talked about; the 2291 that
16	we tabled, and the bottom three have been adopted.
17	2020 year: Going through our typical process,
18	we'll have a slide on statistics, accident reports,
19	safety bulletins, and any updates.
20	As you can see, COVID-19 wreaked pretty much
21	havoc on this year. Follow-up inspections are way, way
22	down, just across the board.
23	I didn't expect it to be that low, but I ran the
24	numbers as of September 9th. We have done probably 10
25	in the time period since, since this is kind of the

start of the pumpkin farms, apple orchards, and haunted 1 2 houses. So there will be some pickup here, and it will 3 4 pick up again at the end of the year for the year-round 5 operators. 6 The one thing I do want to point out under 2020, 7 those show dates, the way that the program is set up, if 8 we have a company entered into the program, it does 9 count them whether they have been operating or not. So that number should be a little bit lower since 10 11 there are some of the companies that entered their, you 12 know, full schedule but have not been operating. Any 13 questions on that, as far as numbers? 14 Accident reports. We were hoping we would get 15 this through this without any accidents. Believe it or 16 not, this all happened on one Saturday and Sunday. 17 They were three patron-involved accidents, nonmechanical and non-operator involved. They all 18 19 occurred at the same location, which is an aerial 20 adventure course. 21 Now technically, heat stroke -- that's kind of a 22 They put a report in because they did have to toss-up. 23 transport both those children in an ambulance. 2.4 But the first one that they had that Saturday was Ι 25 an ankle injury. And I did mess up on the location.

1	forgot, they were all at Western Springs.
2	Nondestructive testing. Again, we try to keep
3	track of this. We should have a list available.
4	I honestly am not aware of any new updates this
5	year. So I'm not expecting the list to change much, if
6	any.
7	The rule changes. This is important because I
8	believe the final date for comment is 10/13. The
9	proposed changes, they are published.
10	That is the link. You have to go to page 13872
11	of that link, and that's where our changes start.
12	One thing you got to be aware of is when you're
13	going through that file, and some of the board
14	members I believe I sent that file out to them it
15	only includes the areas of the documents which changes
16	occurred.
17	So really, what's posted on there is not the
18	entire document. It's just the pages of the documents
19	that have changes on it.
20	The director didn't want us let you see that we
21	have been working on what to do with people that have
22	funds in the program that have not been issued permits.
23	We are working this is kind of a
24	work-in-progress for a form that will be available for
25	the operators to fill out, either requesting a refund of

the money, or transferring it to the next program year. 1 2 And director, is there anything you wanted to add? MR. KLEINIK: No. I just wanted to add that this 3 4 form here is the easiest way for us to do this. 5 If we went the other route with the state, is that you guys would all have to go on the comptroller's 6 7 website, register as a vendor, and then you have to fill 8 out all kinds of paperwork. 9 And CFO and myself and Tom, we worked to work 10 around that, and this is the workaround. That way, it 11 should very easy to just be able to fill this out and 12 get it back. 13 You can pay by credit card or e-check; that's a 14 little bit faster, just to be upfront with you. If you 15 put it in by check, then we have to put in the 16 comptroller, and we'll send you out to payment. 17 So just wanted to, you know, that we have a 18 procedure in place. And this has been approved by our 19 CFO. And so there should be no holdup on our end. That's all I have. 20 21 MR. KELLER: That form will be posted on the 22 website. And you know, if time allows, it's a small 23 number of people. 2.4 We may, if we got the opportunity, e-mail it to 25 them directly. So are there any questions as far as

1	that's concerned?
2	This is our standard statement, department policy
3	applications must be received 30 days prior to playing
4	the first spot.
5	During this period, during the COVID period,
6	we've kind of ignored that because there's so much left
7	up in the air. People didn't know whether they were
8	going to be operating until days before they were
9	supposed to open.
10	And again, the owners/operators of the different
11	rides do need their yearly compliance forms submitted
12	when they turn in their application.
13	Also, during the COVID period, we did rescind the
14	\$250 fee for the expedited inspections. We were able to
15	take care of everyone in their provided time frame, so
16	it worked out. Any questions.
17	I think this is the that's it. And again,
18	we'll leave it open. We've got some time. If anybody
19	has anything they want to ask us about, we'll be more
20	than glad to try to answer.
21	MR. KLEINIK: As Tom stated, we'll open it up for
22	discussion. This would be the public comments and
23	questions from public members and from board members.
24	All I'll do is for the court reporter to make
25	sure you state your name, first and last name, where the

1	court reporter can know who's talking.
2	MS. SALERNO: Hello this is Juanita Salerno from
3	All Around Amusement.
4	MR. KLEINIK: Go ahead.
5	MS. SALERNO: What are we looking at next year?
6	I know none of us have a magic ball, or a crystal ball.
7	But are we having to adopt any policies? Are you
8	guys looking into that? Are there any changes that are
9	going to have to be made if we are able to open? And
10	when does it look like we are going to be able to open
11	next year?
12	MR. KLEINIK: If I could answer that, I would be
13	more than glad to answer it. We don't know at this
14	point.
15	But if Tom will keep us up-to-date. And if we
16	hear it from the governor's office and from the
17	Department of Public Health and DECO we're in
18	constant contact. But I just can't give you a
19	prediction of what next year's going to be.
20	I'm hoping it's going to be better, because our
21	numbers in Illinois are going down. And in most parts
22	of the state, there's a couple places it's going up.
23	But if we you know, what's keeping us going is
24	that hopefully we can be able to get some things as long
25	as we follow some guidelines.

1	And if in fact, that comes and there needs to be
2	some emergency rules, we will have the board all meet,
3	and we will discuss that information.
4	MS. SALERNO: But as a board, as a safety board,
5	you haven't discussed any guidelines that we would need
6	to follow for next year if we are allowed to open?
7	MR. KLEINIK: Right now, the statute for the
8	carnival board is we have to inspect the carnival rides
9	to make sure they're safe. That's the only requirement
10	that we have.
11	We've been working with the other agencies to try
12	to coordinate and for them to keep us updated where we
13	can keep you guys up dated.
14	MS. SALERNO: All right. I appreciate that.
15	Thank you.
16	MR. KLEINIK: Any other questions?
17	MR. BROWN: This is Brad Brown. Just a general
18	question. How is your department doing on staff? Are
19	you guys fully staffed and ready to go?
20	MR. KLEINIK: Well, when we met in January, I was
21	wanting to hire more people. And then with the budget
22	come and that COVID hit, our budget took a substantial
23	decrease in and a hit.
24	So then I got a letter, as you all seen in the
25	news media, I think it was on Tuesday, that we've been

asked to cut some more money out of our budget for this 1 year and for next year. 2 But I'm still trying to get at least a couple 3 4 more inspectors and hopefully get a manager hired for 5 the carnival. Because I think that's a safety issue, and that's what I'm trying to get the information for. 6 7 MR. BROWN: Very good. Thank you. 8 MR. KLEINIK: Any other questions? 9 MS. SALERNO: I'm sorry. This is Juanita Salerno 10 again from All Around Amusement. 11 If we do have an event that is able to go on next 12 year, and it is a last minute, as you say it happened 13 this year, and we don't have inspectors available to 14 inspect, can we open? Or do we need to wait for an 15 inspector. 16 MR. SALERNO: Without being penalized. 17 MS. SALERNO: Without being penalized? 18 MR. KLEINIK: Tom? 19 MR. COE: I think we can handle anything that's 20 going to come up. So you know, everything's all right 21 now. 22 We'll have no problem getting you taken care of 23 if you have an event last minute. Somehow, someway, we'll get you inspected. 2.4 25 And as far as operating, you got to have a

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permit. I mean, that's just the rules. And hopefully, 1 2 there will be no extenuating circumstances. We'll just have everything done, and you'll be 3 4 ready to go at your event. MS. SALERNO: All right. Thank you. 5 6 MR. KLEINIK: Any other questions? 7 MR. SCHWABE: This is Dan Schwabe, one of the 8 board members. 9 MR. KLEINIK: Yes, Dan. MR. SCHWABE: As far as Six Flags Mid-America is 10 11 concerned; a two-part question. 12 Not being allowed to open this year so far, we've 13 done all our inspections and NDT. Now being that the 14 rides have not run, do we need to redo NDTs, and do we need to reinspect rides that have not run during 15 16 calendar year 2020? 17 MR. KLEINIK: Tom? MR. COE: For calendar year 2020, if they've been 18 19 permitted, they're ready to go. So you can operate them 20 without us coming back and looking at them again for 2020. 21 22 The question about the NDTs, the only way around 23 that that I would feel comfortable with is you would have to get a letter from the manufacturer, giving you 2.4 an exemption. 25

1	Because alls we can go by is the operations
2	manual, which I'm sure, like everybody else, this was
3	never figured in, having this type of situation.
4	But you know, they require it at 12 months or six
5	months, or whatever period it is of inspection.
6	We've had at least two companies that have gotten
7	either an extension or a waiver on the NDT from the
8	manufacturer. So that's how I would like to proceed
9	forward.
10	MR. SALERNO: Hello. This is Robert Salerno.
11	Can you hear me?
12	MR. KLEINIK: Go ahead.
13	MR. SALERNO: I've got a recall. And it states
14	that we have to buy a brand new bolt for the center to
15	marry the towers together.
16	I bought and purchased them for this year. My
17	entire company has been grounded. We're not able to
18	operate through the COVID-19.
19	Now do I have to I should not have to I
20	should not be told I have to go out and buy all brand
21	new bolts for it when I got registered receipts, stating
22	I brought brand new ones for the entire year, and I was
23	grounded for the entire year.
24	Am I able to use the same bolts that we purchased
25	brand new this year for next year when we're not able to

1	use them when we weren't able to use them?
2	MR. COE: We could handle things like that on a
3	case-by-case basis. If you want to shoot me an e-mail,
4	I can double check.
5	I just hate to give you a yes or no answer right
6	now without, you know. We need to at least look into it
7	with the manufacturer.
8	MR. SALERNO: Because it's out of Chicago.
9	Bought it for their five orbiters in Chicago, I
10	believe, five or six. We all had to buy brand new bolts
11	according to the factory specifications.
12	We went ahead and bought them, but now we're not
13	able to use our rides. We should be able to use the
14	bolts with the from the next year's operation, as
15	long as we show proof of purchase of valid receipt.
16	MR. COE: Right. I mean, there are other rides
17	like that, too, the Ali Babas that are required.
18	So we can you know, that's a good question.
19	And we can check into it. I would say just shoot me an
20	e-mail, and we'll get that going.
21	MR. SALERNO: And like on my orbiter, we took our
22	bolts out of there because it had to be NDT tested. We
23	had them test it.
24	We're not able to use the ride due to COVID-19.
25	And we got a receipt saying we had them NDT tested. So

that Windy City Amusement, and I'm sure a lot of other 1 2 companies had their NDT tested. Are we able to carry the receipt over for next 3 4 year without having to have them redone, or are --5 MR. KELLER: I have -- that's going to have to come from the ride manufacturer. I can't approve that. 6 7 So if they're willing, you know, if the ride 8 manufacturer is willing, then I have no problem with it. 9 But we need a letter from them. MR. SALERNO: I understand exactly what you said. 10 11 But -- and I apologize for interrupting you. 12 You said you had two manufacturers that already 13 agreed to do it that way. What were the manufacturers? 14 Who were they. 15 MR. KELLER: Both those were pretty much on 16 coasters. 17 MR. SALERNO: My luck. Nothing that I own. 18 Thank you. 19 MR. KLEINIK: Any other questions? Any other 20 questions? I want to give everybody a chance to speak 21 that needs to speak. 22 MR. SALERNO: Yes. My name once again -- I got 23 one question. My name is Robert Salerno. I have a 2.4 warehouse out in Marseilles, Illinois, where I install and where I carry at least 20 rides inside a heated 25

1	building for the wintertime.
2	I would like to have the inspectors, if they
3	would like, to come out and see what we did over last
4	year, and what we're about to do over this year to
5	update our rides and bring them above standard.
6	I would like to invite all of you guys out there
7	to come out and take a look at us out at All Around
8	Amusement. Thank you.
9	MR. COE: I appreciate that, Robert. We'll get
10	that out to the inspectors.
11	MR. SALERNO: Thank you.
12	MR. COE: See what we can do.
13	MR. SALERNO: Thank you.
14	MR. KLEINIK: Any other questions? This is going
15	to be the shortest carnival meeting I think in history,
16	isn't it?
17	MR. COE: Yes.
18	MR. KLEINIK: On behalf of the Department of
19	Labor, I would like to say thank you guys and the board
20	members and everybody that's on the call for sticking,
21	you know, and trying to get through this year.
22	It's been challenging for everybody, trying to
23	work through this. But I just want to say thank you
24	from the Department of Labor, for everybody's
25	cooperation and understanding how we work together to

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kind of get through this.
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           And hopefully next year, as I get to come down
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     at the state fair and other fairs throughout the state,
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     and we can get back to -- as I call it, the near normal
     as we're going to get; because I don't think we're ever
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     going to get back to where we was at.
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            I'll turn it over to Tom, if he has anything
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     further. And we'll adjourn the meeting.
            MR. COE: No. Like the director said, you know,
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     it's been a pretty tough year for everyone, especially
     for the carnivals.
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           And alls we can hope if for is next year, we'll e
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     able to get out there and get things done and get back
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     into a regular season somewhat. I wish you all the
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    best.
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           MR. KLEINIK: Do I have a motion to adjourn?
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           MR. SPARKS: I'll make a motion to adjourn.
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           MR. KLEINIK: Who was that?
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           MR. SPARKS: Weston Sparks.
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           MR. SCHWABE: Dan Schwabe. I'll second.
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           MR. KLEINIK: Who was the second? I'm sorry.
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           MR. SALERNO: Dan Schwabe.
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           MR. KLEINIK: Okay. Dan Schwabe seconded. All
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    of those in favor, say aye.
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1	(WHEREUPON, ALL VOTING MEMBERS VOTED AYE.)
2	MR. KLEINIK: All opposed? Hearing none, there
3	is one thing we forgot to mention. Tentatively, the
4	2021 meeting location and time will be Thursday, January
5	14, 2021, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in
6	Springfield. Hopefully we get to see everybody there.
7	Thank you very much.
8	MS. SULLIVAN: Oh, that meeting that
9	convention's been cancelled.
10	MR. JENNINGS: Can anybody hear me?
11	MR. KLEINIK: Go ahead.
12	MS. SULLIVAN: Yes.
13	MR. JENNINGS: This is Bill Jennings from the
14	IAFF Board I've been trouble getting anybody to hear me.
15	And I was trying to get back to you to explain
16	that convention has been cancelled. The Crowne will
17	still be open as far as the meeting is concerned.
18	But the carnival industry of course won't be
19	there, the fair association. We're changing that to
20	several meetings across the three zones this fall.
21	And so that's what I was trying to get back in to
22	let you know. So whether that directly affects the
23	meeting, obviously it does for the attendance as far as
24	the carnivals are concerned, but
25	MR. KLEINIK: Tom can you work with the board to

1	come up an alternative idea on this.
2	MR. COE: Yeah. That's what I was saying.
3	Typically, that's our attempt that the meeting that
4	we have.
5	In talking with the director, you know, it's kind
6	of just playing it by ear. We'll plan on having
7	something here in Springfield, you know, as things go.
8	It may be another Webex meeting. Hopefully, it can be a
9	face-to-face meeting.
10	But I would like to wait a little bit longer
11	before we, you know, determine another location or
12	another time.
13	If things look like they're moving forward where
14	we can't get a face-to-face meeting, we can back it up
15	into February.
16	So let's leave it like it is, and we will make a
17	change at some point in time. But I would like to wait
18	more towards the year just to see how things progress.
19	MS. SULLIVAN: And if at that time, Tom, you
20	decide that that's going to changed, would you send out
21	an e-mail to the companies, the amusement companies?
22	MR. KELLER: We will. And then probably again,
23	like we did last year, we'll work with the IAFF and get
24	them to send it out in their e-mail, their letter.
25	We'll post it on the website, also.

1	MS. SULLIVAN: All right. Thank you.
2	MR. SALERNO: And this, once again, is Robert
3	Salerno from All Around Amusement. I would like to put
4	out an offer out there.
5	Due to COVID 19, there might be some problems
6	with other carnivals showing up or staying in existence
7	this year.
8	If I can help them out with any discounted fairs,
9	have them feel free to give me a call. I'll see what I
10	can do for them.
11	MR. COE: Okay.
12	MR. KLEINIK: Thank you. We had a motion with a
13	second. Everybody agreed. It passed. So I'll talk to
14	you guys all later. Thank you very much.
15	MR. COE: Thank you.
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     I, Georgia Beth Long, a Certified Shorthand Reporter
     (IL), Certified Court Reporter (MO), do hereby certify
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