

# Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.  
Ocean City, Maryland

### Board Members Present:

Glenn Fishack, Chair  
Roy Shaw  
Karen Nicklas  
Gordon Trimper  
Steven Pastusak  
Samantha La Mell  
Steven Rothenberg

### DLI Staff Present:

Commissioner Matt Helminiak  
Deputy Commissioner Steven Lakin  
Jenny Baker, Asst State's Attorney  
Sarah Harlan, Asst State's Attorney  
David Dearborn, Program Manager  
Pamela Shiflett, Administrative Officer  
Christina Schaefer, Executive Assistant  
Tiffany R. Jones, Board Coordinator

### Call to Order

Board chair Glenn Fishack called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Fishack thanked everyone for attending and a roll call of members, DLI staff, and members of the public took place.

### Approval of Minutes

Karen Nicklas made a motion to approve minutes from the November 10, 2020, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Steven Rothenberg. The minutes were passed unanimously.

### Program Updates:

Jim Harper reported shared the following data from the beginning of the year:

January – June 2021		
Inspections	Accidents	Incidents
1,303	1	5

Jim Harper said that the incidents were related to slip and falls and operator misuse.

### Regulations:

Commissioner Helminiak said that the regulations are at the Secretary's office and mentioned his meeting with the Secretary to discuss why the proposed regulations are necessary.

### Other Business:

Dave Dearborn announced that Amusement Ride chief Jim Harper is stepping down and thanked him for working through a trying time and his support in development of regulations. Robbie Finecey was named acting Amusement Ride Chief. Commissioner Helminiak additionally thanked Jim Harper for his work and for the relationships he has built over the years. Dave Dearborn said the position would be posted externally. David Dearborn also mentioned that safety unit would migrate to a new system the following Monday on June 28, 2021.

The chair encouraged members to share general updates and experience related to covid that included overall labor shortages, amended operating hours, alternative activities to drive income and instituting covid safety protocols.

Karen Nicklas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Steven Rothenberg. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.