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Claudia Koerner - absent  
Joey Dallas  
Christopher Landis  
Joe O'Neil

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1. Compressed natural gas and propane fuel retrofitting specifications.

Draft specification language was reviewed. Language is to be inserted stating the school buses gross vehicle weight rating shall not exceed the number established by the original equipment manufacturer.

2. Request for bathroom on a special purpose bus.

The members declined to act on the request citing student safety issues while in-transit and the overall need for the feature.

3. Over-ride witch on a student crossing gate.

The members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the over-ride switch, miss-use potential and maintenance benefits of the switch. By consensus it was agreed to allow the over-ride switch.

4. Aftermarket add-on hydrogen technologies

The members declined to act on pursuing this technology pending independent third party analysis and the technology being listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's emerging technology roster.

5. Child reminder system functionality.

The members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of an over-ride feature. There was consensus to modify the Committee's specification language to clarify that the child reminder device is activated by the bus' ignition switch, use of the overhead warning lamps or the bus engine runs at least a specified minimum number of minutes. Draft language will be developed.

There was no further business conducted. Mr. Chew made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Landis. Meeting adjourned.

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Dr. Michael Benway, Chairperson

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Tobi L. Gummer, Secretary

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Date