

NATIONAL
**Child Passenger
Safety** BOARD
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Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Kristel Robison at 10:00 a.m. CT

Welcome – Kristel Robison

- The Board was reminded that meetings are held in an executive session.

Members Attending – Tracy LeMaire

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| ☒ Kristel Robison, Chair | ☐ Cass Herring |
| ☒ Britney Lombard, Vice Chair | ☒ Travis Marsh |
| ☒ Mike Munson, Vice-Chair Elect | ☒ Shannon Martinello |
| ☒ Tracy LeMaire, Secretariat | ☐ Krystal Phillips |
| ☒ Amy Artuso | ☒ Anna Red |
| ☒ Emily Burton | ☒ Marie Snodgrass |
| ☒ Laura Dunn | ☒ Renée St. Louis |
| ☐ James Fitzpatrick | ☒ Janet Werst |

Guest(s):

- ☒ Kyndra Webb – National Safety Council

Safe Kids – Cass Herring & Krystal Phillips

- No report

NTHSA – Laura Dunn

- Laura Dunn shared that NHTSA has newly available publications for review.
 - Child Passenger Safety State of Knowledge: A Literature Review from The Office of Behavioral Safety Research, <https://rosap.nhtl.bts.gov/view/dot/90905>
 - Occupant Restraint Use in 2025: Results from the NOPUS Controlled Intersection Study, <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813820>

National Safety Council – Tracy LeMaire

- Tracy LeMaire shared her request to be mindful of due dates to help the Board run smoothly.

Executive Committee – Kristel Robison

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- Kristel Robison thanked James Fitzpatrick and Newell for funding the NCPSB booth at the Kidz in Motion Conference.
 - Kristel reminded Board Members to complete the JotForm so that the NCPSB Booth can be staffed appropriately. Tracy will create a schedule in early August.
 - Our 30-minute time slot for presenting at the conference is being shared with MACPS
 - Membership and Award Nomination QR Codes will be created and be at the booth to promote submissions.
 - The Board was given until July 14th to review the [May 2026 Full Board Meeting Minutes](#). The edits that were returned were completed.

Membership Committee – Britney Lombard & Mike Munson

- Britney Lombard indicated that we have received some submissions for this year's open Board positions. Announcements will continue to go on our social media channels. We will also share information during upcoming presentations and webinars.
 - Tracy LeMaire offered to provide the QR Codes to be available at the Texas Department of Transportation Conference.

Data Committee – Emily Burton & Renée St. Louis

- Renée St. Louis started the discussion about strategies to keep children in booster seats longer and improve public understanding of booster seat safety. Recent discussions have incorporated insights from research and presentations on numeracy and decision-making, exploring how safety messages can be framed beyond traditional measurements such as height and age requirements.
- A recent webinar facilitated by Dr. Gretchen Baker reinforced that injury risks remain significant for older children and highlighted the continued importance of booster seat use.
- Several ideas of useful educational materials were discussed as well as location of placement.
 - Board members suggested focusing on school administrators, carpool supervisors and school resource officers to help disseminate information.

Community Engagement – Kristel Robison & Travis Marsh

- Travis Marsh reviewed upcoming web activity that is confirmed through July 2026.
 - The next Educator Forum will focus on handling difficult conversations with caregivers. A follow-up Educator Forum in October will address difficult conversations among CPS colleagues. These sessions are intended to lay the

groundwork for a more formal mentorship framework that will continue into 2027.

- The Board discussed webinar topic ideas for early 2027.
- Kristel and Travis will begin outreach calls to CPS State Coordinators. Talking points will be provided to Board Members who volunteered to help.
 - Goal is to have all calls completed by mid-to-late August.
- Travis shared that we continue to receive CPS award nominations in all categories. The committee will begin planning the review and scoring process for submitted nominations.
- Britney Lombard continued discussion regarding a mentorship-themed shirt for Kidz in Motion and the CPS community. The group shared thoughts on shirt style, color and the Board logo.
- Kyndra Webb shared the NCPSB social media analytics and reminded the next set of contributors when their posts were due.

Curriculum Certification Committee – Cass Herring & Amy Artuso

- Amy Artuso shared that no recent curriculum feedback submissions were received related to the CPST curriculum. Feedback forms are being updated to remove references to the Instructor Development Course since there is no current offering.
- Clarification was made that full Board updates should provide a high-level summary of key topics and decisions, rather than repeat past committee meetings in detail.
- Kyndra shared status of webinar reviews and which ones would be retired vs. updated.
- Kyndra shared Hybrid Course analytics.
 - Further discussion pertained to the benefits of Hybrid training as well as barriers to the Hybrid course.

Open Discussion

- Kristel initiated a discussion on how to better recognize Team of the Year award recipients, particularly in cases where the award represents a large group rather than a single individual.
 - Challenges as well as future opportunities were discussed among the Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned by Kristel Robison at 11:58 a.m. CT