

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TRAVEL REGULATION COUNCIL  
September 20, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Travel Regulation Council was called to order, at 1:02 pm on September 20, 2022. The meeting was conducted via WebEx. The meeting was chaired by Anthony Pascente, Chairman.

**II. Roll Call**

Those in attendance: Lexi Landers took roll call.

Council Members/Representatives - Present

Mr. Tad Huskey, Attorney General's Travel Control Board

Mr. Anthony Pascente, Chairman, Travel Regulation Council and Governor's Travel Control Board

Mr. Dean Devert, Legislative Travel Control Board

Ms. Valarie Rand, Lt. Governor's Travel Control Board

Ms. Chris Belle, Comptroller's Travel Control Board

Ms. Deborah Miller, Treasurer's Travel Control Board

Mr. Paul McCann, Higher Education Travel Control Board

Also Present:

Ms. Lexi Landers, State Travel Coordinator, Governor's Travel Control Board

Mr. Sean Coombe, Attorney, Central Management Services

**III. Approval of Minutes – TRC Meeting of December 06, 2021**

Comments were requested on the minutes from the December 06, 2021, meeting and no comments were made. Motions were requested to approve minutes (1<sup>st</sup> – Paul McCann, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tad Husky) and a vote was called to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**IV. Matters for Council Consideration**

Increase of Per Diem Rates

Chairman Pascente stated that per diem had not been increased since mid-1990's, specifically 1995.

The Governor's Travel Control Board receives many calls and complaints regarding per diem rates.

Proposed rate would increase from \$28.00 to \$44.00 for in state and \$48.00 for out of state. Chairman Pascente opened the meeting for discussion. Valarie Rand voiced her support of the increase. Paul McCann stated Higher Education would have liked for the rates to be increased more but is willing to support this increase. Anthony Pascente stated that this will help to bridge the current gap and provide some relief to those travelling. In addition, this topic can be revisited at the annual meeting. Chris Belle stated his support along with Tad Husky, Deborah Miller and Dean Devert. Dean Devert also thanked the board for providing the research. Motions to approve were requested (1<sup>st</sup> - Valarie Rand, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tad Husky) and a vote was called to approve increase in per diem. The increase was approved unanimously. Valarie Rand asked how long it will take for this increase to be effective. Sean Coombe explained that it must go through JCAR and could take 3-4 months. Valarie Rand also inquired if it can be announced to staff. Sean Coombe explained that this is a public meeting but announcing it could lead to confusion that a more formal announcement should be made when it becomes effective.

**V. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (1<sup>st</sup> – Dean Devert, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul McCann) The Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.