

New York City Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force

Meeting 6 – October 31, 2024, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Nicole Mathias, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)
Eric Beaton, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation
Daniel Wright, President, Teamsters Local 813
David Biderman, President, Biderman Consulting LLC
Julia Kite, Senior Program Manager, Road to Zero Coalition

Agency Staff Present

Frank Marshall, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Steven Hoffner, Deputy Chief, Safety and Training, DSNY
Armenoush Aslanian Persico, Deputy Director, Contracts & Compliance, DSNY
Lily Nuamah, Contracts and Compliance Manager, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Mandy Shum, Audit Manager, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY

1. Welcome and Introductions

The fifth Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force meeting took place on October 8, 2024. DSNY Assistant Commissioner Frank Marshall welcomed attendees and introduced Julia Kite as a new member of the Safety Task Force. Julia Kite, Senior Program Manager for the Road to Zero Coalition, shared her background and expressed her enthusiasm for contributing to the Task Force's objectives. This was followed by self-introductions from all attendees, fostering a collegial and focused atmosphere for discussion.

2. Objectives of the Safety Task Force

AC Marshall stated that, per Local Law 199, the Safety Task Force is to consider and make recommendations on the following:

- a. Personal protection equipment;
- b. Safely working with and operating vehicle equipment and machines;
- c. Handling heavy materials and proper lifting techniques;
- d. Working with hazardous chemicals or other materials;
- e. Emergency action plans, fire prevention and fire protection;
- f. Hazard communication;
- g. Drug and alcohol awareness;
- h. First aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) use; and
- i. Whether and under what circumstances a person would be permitted to transfer safety training acquired or obtained under one employer to another employer.

3. Discussion: Executive Order 39 (EO39)

AC Marshall provided an overview of EO39, highlighting its requirement for 360-degree cameras on trucks with conventional cab designs and the exemption for high-vision trucks (cab-over/cab-forward designs). The Task Force engaged in a substantive discussion on the practical implications of these requirements.

Deputy Commissioner Eric Beaton and Julia Kite underscored the increasing adoption of high-vision trucks by Carters, noting the safety benefits these vehicles provide. Participants considered the cost-effectiveness and operational advantages of high-vision trucks compared to retrofitting existing vehicles with 360-degree cameras. The group acknowledged the need to align Carter fleet upgrades with EO39's safety goals while remaining pragmatic about implementation challenges.

4. Topics Deferred

Due to time constraints, the meeting did not cover agenda items related to lithium-ion battery safety or e-bike safety. These topics will be revisited at a future meeting.

5. Next Steps and Action Items

The Safety Task Force will reconvene for consideration of an EO 39 alignment, collaborate on protocols for vehicle operations, reporting crashes, recommendations on worker safety training, and future discussions on lithium-ion batteries and e-bikes.

6. Adjournment

AC Marshall thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.