

Maine School Transportation Safety Commission

April 3, 2026

AGENDA

- 8:30 Call to Order - Introductions and roll call
- 8:35 Review of and vote on the March 27, 2026 meeting minutes
- 8:40 Review of Executive Order and Draft Report

Guiding Questions:

- Based on discussions, review of meeting minutes, and the draft report, what should be included in each of the sections?
- What should be included in recommendations in this report?
- What should be work directed to the ongoing work of the Commission (presuming the final passage of LD 2159)

Current Statutes and Regulations & Recommended Changes or Improvements

- A. Review current statutes and regulations related to safety standards, protocols, and school bus driver training and ensure clear communication of these requirements to all school districts
- C. Identify changes or improvements needed in school transportation rules to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and drivers

Bus Specifications

- D. Identify school bus safety features that can be installed, upgraded, or replaced, including door anti-pinch sensors and control (crossing) arms

Training

- F. Confirm that school districts have a process to complete, on a semi-annual basis, school bus safety training checklists
- G. Identify training needs for bus drivers and a mechanism for this training to be provided to all school transportation units

Updated Best Practices

- B. Produce an updated set of best practices for school bus safety and disseminate it to all school districts

Communication with Families and Students

- E. Encourage and assist school districts in the effective communication of school bus safety information to students and families

11:30 Adjournment