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CH. 87/LD 1135, “Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters”

Meeting #7 – November 24, 2025
(rescheduled)

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

45 Commerce Drive, Suite 1, Champlain Room, Augusta, ME

Minutes

1. Welcome– Lauren Stewart, Director Bureau of Highway Safety and Joshua Saucier, Asst. TSRP

Director Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting and took attendance.

2. Continue Discussion of OFT in Maine:

- a. Review Original LD 1135

Joshua Saucier led a discussion of the original LD 1135 to consider what the Working Group should recommend as statutory language. Members Lynne Gardner and Patricia Mador suggested additions and amendments to the language of the original LD 1135. The Working Group reviewed and discussed those amendments. All the members present came to a mutual understanding on the likely language to be included in the report of the Working Group.

The Working Group also discussed and agreed that Member Nick Johnson should review the Title 12 related provisions and that the aircraft related provisions should be sent to the Chief Pilot of the Maine State Police, Trooper Greg Tirado.

- b. Updates from Any Working Group Member

There were no updates discussed at this point.

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c. Review Draft Report

Joshua Saucier led a discussion of the draft report of the oral fluid testing working group. Working Group Members, including Member Patricia Mador, recommended changes to the draft report. These changes were discussed and considered by the Working Group, and all members present came to a mutual understanding of what would be included in the final proposed report.

3. Review and Approve Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- a. Minutes of Sixth Meeting (voting members then present: Lauren Stewart (BHS), Joshua Saucier and Scot Mattox (TSRP), Lynne Gardner (BMV), Don Finnegan (MCJA), Ellen Fraser (HETL), Eddie Benjamin (MCOPA), and Justin Andrus (MACDL)).

Member Patricia Mador moved to approve the minutes of the Sixth Meeting. The motion was seconded by Scot Mattox. A roll-call vote was conducted with all members – except Ellen Fraser who was absent – present at the Sixth Meeting being in favor.

4. Public Comment

The Working Group took public comment, including from Chuck DeWeese of NASID. Chuck DeWeese suggested that the group also recommend a roadside oral fluid testing program. Member Joshua Saucier informed the Working Group that Tennessee had passed a law that allowed for road side oral fluid testing and provided that such testing would be admissible in court. Chuck DeWeese informed the Working Group that he would *not* recommend that any roadside testing be used in court. There was, again, brief discussion regarding roadside oral fluid testing; the Working Group remained of the opinion that it would not yet be appropriate for Maine to adopt a statewide roadside oral fluid testing program.

5. Next Meeting – TBD

There was a discussion of the next steps and when the meeting would be held. Member Joshua Saucier would send out polls to everyone and coordinate the timing of the next meeting.

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6. The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

Working Group Roster – Voting Members

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Lauren Stewart	MeBHS	Director BHS	Yes	In Person
Joshua Saucier	Dirigo Safety	TSRP	Yes	In Person
Scot Mattox	Dirigo Safety	TSRP	Yes	In Person
Lynne Gardner	SOS-BMV	Legal/Hearings	Yes	Remote
Don Finnegan	MCJA	MCJA Designee	Yes	Remote
Ellen Fraser	DHHS-HETL	Forensic Chemistry	No	
Chief Benjamin	Holden PD	MCOPA	Yes	Remote
Sheriff Polky	Knox County SO	MSA	No	
Patricia Mador	Maine Prosecutors	MPA	Yes	Remote
Justin Andrus	Andrus Law	MACDL	No	

Working Group Roster – Non-Voting Members

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Jeremy Morin	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	In Person
John Roma	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	In Person
Haley Fleming	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	Remote
Jim Willis	MeBHS	Add'l Member	Yes	Remote
Anne Schools (backup)	SOS-BMV	Legal/Hearings	No	
Nicholas Johnson	Maine Warden Service	Add'l Member	No	

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Christopher Ireland	SOS-BMV	Add'l Member	No	
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Guests –

Name	Organization	Representing	Present	In Person/Remote
Dan Riley	NHD Law	Abbott	Yes	Remote
Tanya Emery	Maine Municipal Assoc.	MMA	Yes	Remote
Chuck DeWeese		NASID	Yes	Remote

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