



Unified Carrier Registration Plan Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Meeting

**January 25, 2024
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern Time**

Subcommittee Members Present:

William Debord, Chair
Lydia Sahley
David Bauer

Others in Attendance:

UCR: Avelino Gutierrez, Alex Leath, Elizabeth Leaman, Mike Hoeme
Kellen: Tom Lawrence, Matt Mantione, Michelle Hall
Seikosoftware: Toby Piquet, Lori Lefai

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
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APPROVED MINUTES

- I. Call to Order** – UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair
The Subcommittee Chair welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, called roll for the Subcommittee, confirmed whether a quorum is present, and facilitate self-introductions.
- II. Verification of Publication of Meeting Notice** – UCR Executive Director
The UCR Executive Director verified the publication of the meeting notice on the UCR website and distribution to the UCR contact list via e-mail on January 17, 2024 followed by the subsequent publication of the notice in the *Federal Register* on February 7, 2024, in Vol. 89, No. 26, starting on page 8520.
- III. Review and Approval of Subcommittee Agenda and Setting of Ground Rules** – UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair
The Subcommittee Agenda was reviewed. A MOTION to approve the agenda was made and SECONDED. The MOTION carried unanimously.
- IV. Review of the Process and Policy of Resolving Disputes Under the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement** – UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair, UCR Chief Legal Officer, UCR Executive Director
The UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair, UCR Chief Legal Officer, and UCR Executive Director reviewed the current process and Policy of Resolving Disputes Under the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement.
- V. Review of the Process and Policy of Resolving Disputes Under the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement as They Pertain to Disputes Filed by the Small Business in Transportation Coalition**– UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair, UCR Chief Legal Officer, UCR Executive Director
The UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair, UCR Chief Legal Officer, and UCR Executive Director reviewed the current process and Policy of Resolving Disputes Under the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement in the context of three pending requests for dispute resolution filed by the Small Business in Transportation Coalition (“SBTC”). The Subcommittee discussed the issue of jurisdiction over each of the three requests by the SBTC and the role of the Subcommittee in preparing these requests for hearing by the Board.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED that the Dispute Resolution Subcommittee recommend to the UCR Board to accept request number 1, filed by SBTC/James Lamb to have this item deemed appropriate for the dispute resolution process. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED that the Dispute Resolution Subcommittee recommend to the UCR Board to accept request number 2, filed by SBTC/James Lamb to have this item deemed appropriate for the dispute resolution process. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED that the Dispute Resolution Subcommittee recommend to the UCR Board to accept request number 3, filed by SBTC/James Lamb to have this item deemed appropriate for the dispute resolution process. The MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED that the Dispute Resolution Subcommittee recommend that the UCR Board amend the Dispute Resolution Policy to accurately reflect that under Section IV, Public Notice, we have an avenue for publication in the Federal Register directly without submitting the publication request to FMCSA. The MOTION carried.

The Subcommittee discussed the possibility of hiring a Hearing Officer employed for the purpose of assisting the Subcommittee and the Board in the process of hearing requests for dispute resolution brought to the Board.

VI. Other Business – UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair called for any other items Subcommittee members would like to discuss.

VII. Adjournment – UCR Dispute Resolution Subcommittee Chair

The Subcommittee Chair adjourned the meeting.