# **DOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**June 17, 2019**

The Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking (ACHT) convened its fourth and final public meeting on June 17, 2019 via teleconference. In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public meeting was announced in advance via a Federal Register Notice and the Department of Transportation website.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

* **Chair:** Catherine Todd Bailey, Former U.S. Ambassador to Latvia; Chairperson and Co-Founder, Operation Open Arms
* **Vice Chair:** Linda Burtwistle, CEO, Coach USA; Board Member, American Bus Association (ABA)
* Nicole Clifton, Vice President, Global Public Affairs, United Parcel Service (UPS)
* Michelle Guelbart, Director of Private Sector Engagement, ECPAT-USA
* Greg Hynes, Alternate National Legislative Director, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART-TD), United Transportation Union
* Kristen Joyner, Executive Director, South West Transit Association (SWTA)
* Loretta Kennedy, Director, Domestic Operations and Investigations, JetBlue Airways
* David Lorenzen, Chief, Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Iowa Department of Transportation
* Mi Yung Park, Government Relations Director, The A21 Campaign
* Eric Smith, Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Hendry Marine Industries

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN ATTENDANCE**

* Amy Anthony, Delaware Department of Motor Vehicles
* Christine Baglin, Senior Principal, Data Systems Analysts
* Jill Brodgon, Colorado Department of Transportation
* Lee Carter, Student, Temple University
* Bianca Egan-Morales, Project Concern International
* Shannon Eggleston, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
* Alison Griffith, Henry Clay Center
* Clay Hollis, Port of Tampa Bay
* Leeshu Kennedy, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
* Candice Key, Federal Transit Administration
* Rochelle Keyhan, Collective Liberty
* Barbara Kostuk, Airlines for America
* Sidney Komarmy, RTCR
* Darlene Labonte, Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles
* Eleanor Lamb, Transport Topics
* James Lewis, Amtrak
* Christine Plastine, Victor Valley Transit
* Debora Sutor, International Vice President, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
* Carol Waller, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
* Tiffany Wlazlowski Neuman, National Association of Truck Stop Operators

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

* Julie Abraham, Director, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Office of the Secretary
* Maha Alkhateeb, Transportation Research Analyst, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Office of the Secretary
* Nicole Bambas, Senior Advisor, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Office of the Secretary
* Barbara Barr, Director of International Programs, Federal Railroad Administration
* Audrey Farley, Associate Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
* Michele Janis, Policy and Plans Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Office of the Secretary
* Thomas Keane, Director, Office of Safety Programs, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
* Pei Lee, Transportation Specialist, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Office of the Secretary
* Shari Schaftlein, Director, Office of Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration
* Dakisha Spratling, Program Analyst, Federal Transit Administration .
* Brian Throop, Director of Security, Federal Aviation Administration
* Wayne Williams, Chief of Staff, Saint Lawrence Seaway

# **Welcome and Overview**

At 2:00 p.m., Chairperson Bailey called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members and the public. She reviewed logistics of the teleconference and announced that the teleconference would be recorded. Chairperson Bailey also summarized steps that led to the final ACHT Report since the first ACHT public meeting took place on December 6, 2018. She noted that several ACHT public meetings were held, and that Committee and Subcommittee members invested significant time and energy in assessing data, policy, and existing resources regarding the intersection between the transportation sector and human trafficking. These efforts culminated in the development of the final ACHT report.

At 2:03 p.m., Chairperson Bailey conducted a roll call of Committee members in attendance. It was noted that Paul Anderson, Kendis Paris, Sherri Garner Brumbaugh, Laura Lederer, and Lynn Thoman were not present during the teleconference.

At 2:05 p.m., Chairperson Bailey introduced Nicole Bambas as the alternate Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Ms. Bambas welcomed attendees and echoed the thanks of Chairperson Bailey to the Committee and Subcommittee members and members of the public for their efforts and time.

Chairperson Bailey brought forward a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 16th ACHT public meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

Chairperson Bailey then highlighted updates that were made to the draft ACHT report. Input by Committee members, Subcommittee members, the May 16th survivors panel, and members of the public are reflected within the following sections of the report: overview, best practices, model comprehensive strategy, sample public awareness materials, state poster law overview, sample training and stakeholder resources, and recommendations. Revisions were also made to ensure consistency between each section of the report. Lastly, missing resources were added.

At 2:07 p.m., Chairperson Bailey moved to adopt the final ACHT Report. Proxies for Kendis Paris, Sherri Garner Brumbaugh, Laura Lederer, and Lynn Thoman were noted for the record as voting in favor of adopting the final ACHT Report. Committee members on the call each voted in favor of adopting the report.

# **Committee Member Reflections**

Each Committee member on the call provided brief reflections regarding their experiences serving on the ACHT. Members gave thanks for the opportunity to both serve on the ACHT and work on this important topic. They felt encouraged by the collective energy of the group, and pledged to continue combatting human trafficking. Several members also commented on the impact they believe the report will have on the transportation industry’s counter-trafficking efforts.

# **Public Comment**

Chairperson Bailey opened the meeting for public comment. No public comments were made.

# **Closing Remarks**

Chairperson Bailey extended her thanks to the U.S. DOT team for their assistance during the past 7 months, and thanked Committee and Subcommittee members for their contributions to the development of the ACHT report. On behalf of the Committee and herself, Chairperson Bailey expressed gratitude for the opportunity to assist the Department in its fight against human trafficking.

At approximately 2:25 p.m., Chairperson Bailey closed the meeting.