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**Next Generation Equipment Committee (NGEC)  
13th Annual Meeting (Hybrid)**

**February 2, 2024**

**8:00 am – 12:30 pm Eastern**

**Capitol Room- A/B**

**Hyatt Regency, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC**

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8:00 - 8:25 am	Registration
8:25 – 8:30 am	Hotel Safety Briefing – Hotel Staff
8:30	Convene Annual Meeting - Ray Hessinger, NYSDOT and NGEC Chair
8:30- 8:40 am	Self introductions
8:40 – 8:45 am	Roll call voting members – establish quorum: Steve Hewitt, NGEC Program Manager
8:45 – 8:50 am	Review Meeting Agenda: Ray Hessinger Review Meeting Packets: Steve Hewitt
8:50 – 8:52 am	Approval of the Minutes from the January 23, 2023, Executive Board meeting – Ray Hessinger
8:52 – 9:05 am	Chairman’s Report – Ray Hessinger (V)
9:05 - 9:15 am	Update from Amtrak Government Affairs – Cody McClelland, Amtrak
9:15 - 9:40 am	Updates from the Federal Railroad Administration – Mike Murray
9:40 – 10:10 am	Treasurer’s Report & Finance & Administrative Subcommittee progress report - Tim Ziethen, Amtrak
10:10 am	Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report – Ray Hessinger
10:10 - 10:30 am	Break
10:30 - 10:45 am	Technical Subcommittee Progress Report – Joe Paul, Amtrak, and Vice Chair Technical Subcommittee
10:45 - 10:55 am	Document Management Progress Report & look at the year ahead – Tammy Krause, Document Control Manager

10:55 – 11:05 am	Presentation: High Speed Wireless Study – Hamid Sharif-Kashani, University of Nebraska (V)
11:00 – 11:15 am	Presentation - Zero Emissions Multiple Units – Olivia Arant - Intro – Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans (V)
11:15 – 11:40 am	Update: Equipment Procurements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Multi-State Single Level Venture Cars – Ryan Sharpe, Caltrans (V)</li> <li>b. Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Joseph Reynolds, Metro-North Railroad (V)</li> <li>c. VIA Rail Equipment Procurements – Arnaud Lacaze and Jean-Philippe Quintal (V)</li> <li>d. Connecticut DOT Passenger Rail Car Procurement – Marci Petterson, CtDOT (V)</li> <li>e. Amtrak Fleet Procurements – Mike Welsh and Mike Kraft, Amtrak</li> </ul>
11-40 am – 12:00 Noon	Charger Locomotive and Venture Car Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Amtrak Experience –Mike Kraft, Joe Paul, Amtrak</li> <li>b. Mid-West States Experience – Melina Lopez, IDOT (V)</li> <li>c. California Experience –Ryan Sharpe, Caltrans (V)</li> <li>d. Washington State Experience – Jason Biggs, WSDOT</li> </ul>
12:00pm – 12:05pm	Report from the Nomination Committee/Election of State Exec Board Members and Officers
12:05pm – 12:20 pm	2024 – A look Ahead – Goals and Priorities –NGEC Chair
12:20 pm – 12:30pm	Questions/Comments/Other Issues - All Attendees
12:30 pm	Closing Comments/Actions/Adjourn – Chair