



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – April 2nd, 2025

Open: 10:00am Teamsters Local 455 Upper Conference Room 1st: MQ 2nd: BP
Vote:4-0

Prayer: N/A

Attendance: Mike Quick, Anthony Paxton, Brian Porwoll, Eric Murtha

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$1267.98 Savings Balance: \$1004.75 CD: \$5408.40

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$640.78 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast / Cell / Milage: Quick \$230.18

Total Assets: \$7681.13 1st: AP 2nd: BP Vote:3-0-1

Membership:

Local Chairman: Mike talked at length about various issues brought up amongst members and fielded questions about union stuff.

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Legislative: Paul Pearson – Paul was absent, at capital trying to push through the second portion of the rail safety legislation. **Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.**

New Business:

Meeting Closed: 1st: MQ 2nd: BP Vote:4-0 Time: 11:57



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – May 7th, 2025

Open: 10:01am Teamsters Local 455 Upper Conference Room 1st: MQ 2nd: TR
Vote:4-0

Prayer: Lillo

Attendance: Mike Quick, Paul Pearson, Tim Reisch, Eric Murtha, Jeff Lillo

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$1222.03 Savings Balance: \$504.81 CD: \$5425.87

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast / Cell: Quick \$121.08

Total Assets: \$7152.71 1st: EM 2nd: TR Vote:3-0-1

Membership: 59 engineers 4 trainman

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Regional Meetings – Daytona-06/16 Seattle-08/18 Registration is open!

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-Safety officers- These are individuals that work on behalf of the service unit to endorse safety amongst our craft. However, **we don't support this individual or the program.**

-The company and the BLET have an Operation Redblock agreement. This is not being put up for bid annually, so anyone can put a claim daily for this.

-Make Sure to claim all company business on the 11-4, 6-2 boards to ensure fulfillment of your guarantee.

-PL starts needed is 170, the extraboard will only qualify for up to 90 days toward those starts. The vacation mileage needed is 24,000 miles.

-Mike talked about the agreements surrounding the south extraboard, the hub agreement, and qualification.

-Get your CBTs done.

-Hosteling in the fuel track, you do not need to make hooks in the fuel track, nor put together consists. If you are handling a lot of engines, hook them all up.

-The current national negotiations on property had their first session in which the carrier stated the current pattern had been set by the other national agreements with other unions. The carrier wants work rule changes but only wants to enrich us with the current pattern. All the GCAs agreed that this was a no-go, and the carrier is not acting in good faith. There is anticipation that we may have to declare an impasse and push national negotiations along the more conventional path to arbitration.

Legislative: Paul Pearson – Paul talked about being at the capital trying to push through the second portion of the rail safety legislation. The bill, Senate Bill 25-162, establishes the office of rail safety under the direction of the PUC financed solely by fees paid by the railroads. The first couple of years there is no funding other than monies already provided in the original bill of 4.8 million, this gives the office time to collect fees to then operate on its own fiscally.

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Paul also followed up with an HOS violation for Brother West. The FRA agreed that it was not an emergency or an act of and was fined \$10,000.

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

New Business:

Meeting Closed: 1st: MQ 2nd: EM Vote:4-0 Time: 11:37

BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – June 4th, 2025

Open: 10:04am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: MQ 2nd: TR
Vote:4-0

Prayer: Lillo

Attendance: Mike Quick, Paul Pearson, Tim Reisch, Eric Murtha, Jeff Lillo, Brian Porwall, Foster Taylor, A. Paxton(online), A. Strausheim(online)

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$1278.91 Savings Balance: \$504.85 CD:
\$5443.98

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast / Cell: Quick \$145.28

Total Assets: \$7227.74 1st: BP 2nd: FT Vote:3-0-1

Membership: 59 engineers 4 trainman

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-PL starts needed is 170, the extraboard will only qualify for up to 90 days toward those starts. The vacation mileage needed is 24,000 miles.

- Qualification, can only be done from the lead locomotive, so no to three guys in the cab. If your not qualified please notify CMS upon notification for the job.

-Get your CBTs done.

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-The current national negotiations on property had their first session in which the carrier stated the current pattern had been set by the other national agreements with other unions. The next negotiation will take place around the June 23rd.

Legislative: Paul Pearson – Paul talked about pushing through the second portion of the rail safety legislation. The bill, Senate Bill 25-162, establishes the office of rail safety under the direction of the PUC financed solely by fees paid by the railroads. The bill passed both the house and senate and is sitting on the governors desk waiting to be signed (the bill was eventually signed several days later).

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New Business:

The meeting for July, will be on July 9th at 10am Voted 9-0 for meeting movement

Meeting Closed: 1st: BP 2nd: FT Vote:8-0 Time: 11:16



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – May 7th, 2025

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Vote:4-0

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-Mike talked about the agreements surrounding the south extraboard, the hub agreement, and qualification.

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New Business:

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BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – August 6th, 2025

Open: 10:00am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: BP 2nd: MQ -
Vote: 5-0

Prayer: N/A

Attendance: Mike Quick, Foster Taylor, Del Trefry, Brian Porwoll, Paul Pearson

Financial: Mike Quick (Jeff

Lillo Absent): Checking Balance: \$1688.77 Savings Balance: \$2001.15 CD: \$3011.35

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$648.70 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast/Cell: Quick \$144.93

Total Assets: \$7173.47 1st: BP 2nd: PP Vote:4-0-1

Membership: 59 engineers 4 trainman

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Regional Meetings – **Seattle-08/18** **Registration is open!**

Local Chairman: Mike Quick

-Carrier proposal about changing board names or identities to a board designated with Regular Turn from Xtra Turn designation. Membership and Mike felt that the proposal aimed at making it easier for the carrier to regulate and assign fireman (programming is now available) on each board, might be sought as a way for future bargaining that might not be beneficial to our members.

Discussion 1st: MQ 2nd: BP Vote 5-0 For Discussion

Carrier Proposal 1st:MQ 2nd:BP Vote: 0-5 Against Proposal

-Get your CBTs done.

-The carrier and the BLET have entered into a proposed agreement designed to give the membership a 3% raise starting September 1, 2025 while negotiations are ongoing for a national agreement.

-The current national negotiations on property are currently meeting about every other month. We have the national president helping in the negotiation. As the carrier served the

union with the notice we are stuck in this process until the NLRB will release us. Right now, the carrier is seeking work-rule changes for a new contract and the general chairman's belief is a pattern agreement that follows the CSX.

-Mike quickly talked about our NEW Division Website. More to follow....

Visit at [133 Home Page - BLETED - Eastern District General Committee of Adjustment](#)

Legislative: Paul Pearson –

-Talked about the results and effects of the Big Beautiful Bill.

-The new State Office of Rail Safety and funding

-Talked about the gutting of the FRA which has resulted in the cessation of Rail Safety Committees and C3RS.

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

Meeting Closed: 1st: PP 2nd: BP Vote:5-0 Time: 11:30



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – September 3rd, 2025

Open: 10:05am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: BP 2nd: MQ -
Vote:6-0

Prayer: Lillo

Attendance: Mike Quick, Eric Murtha, Foster Taylor, Brian Porwoll, Paul Pearson, Anthony Paxton

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$1683.91 Savings Balance: \$2001.31 CD: \$3021.08

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast: Quick \$57.71

Cell: Quick \$87.77

Total Assets: \$6707.56 1st: EM 2nd: PP Vote:4-0-2

Membership: 59 engineers 4 trainman +5 new members

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-We spoke about the new website, walked members through on how to use it, and the various information that is available.

Local Chairman: Mike Quick

-Yard Jobs having different assigned work, management is trying to eliminate all overtime. Yard jobs are designed to be eight hours, not twelve hours as they have been through the past few years.

-On duty time- boots need to be on and you need to be ready for work, please avoid the cameras as much as possible. The front of the building is not under surveillance. We are fighting with management about the varied excuses that might make members late, usually traffic.

-We have officially filed an 11/4 dispute over LaSalle because of 8 people on board. The Dispute Resolution Agreement says boards at 8 or more deserves the 11/4 pattern agreement. The carrier is trying to state they want boards greater than 12 members.

-Lunches are twenty minutes for yard jobs (after washup and food preparation). Locals and TSE jobs are a reasonable amount of time. Every new management tries this shit and we must remind them we have arbitration on this issue. Claims will be processed for those individuals not getting lunch according to agreements. Please Call Quick to submit claim if this is happening to you.

- Qualification issues on the boards and how long an engineer may be able to train, there is no limit as there is no assignments to training boards, it is at the discretion of the engineer and the DSLE. If you're not qualified, please notify CMS upon notification for the job.

-Get your CBTs done.

-Rule 20 – Yard/Road violations, please notify the yardmaster that any work outside of your own train work is grounds for a claim and please notify the on-duty manager of claim.

PERFORM WORK – SHOW ON TIEUP - CLAIM

Legislative: Paul Pearson – Talked about the results and effects of the Big Beautiful Bill.

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

New Business:

We opened the floor to general discussion amongst members about various issues.

Meeting Closed: 1st: BP 2nd: AP Vote:7-0 Time: 11:56



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – October 1st, 2025

Open: 10:01am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: BP 2nd: EM -
Vote:6-0

Prayer: N/A

Attendance: Mike Quick, Eric Murtha, Aaron Strausheim, Brian Porwoll, Jeff Lillo, Cody Roberts(virtual)

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$2155.27 Savings Balance: \$2001.39 CD: \$3031.16

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast: Quick \$47.14

Cell: Quick \$88.12

Total Assets: \$6870.82 1st: AS 2nd: BP Vote:4-0-2

Membership: 60 engineers 7 trainman

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Local Chairman: Mike Quick

-Yard Jobs having different assigned work, management is trying to eliminate all overtime.

-On duty time- boots need to be on and you need to be ready for work, please avoid the cameras as much as possible.

-GET OUT THE DOOR ASAP

-We Do Not train conductors, let them learn or be taught by management.

-We anticipate additional members to be added from SMART as the work/rest is implemented by the carrier.

-We have officially filed an 11/4 dispute over LaSalle because of 8 people on board. The Dispute Resolution Agreement says boards at 8 or more deserves the 11/4 pattern.

-Lunches are twenty minutes for yard jobs (after washup and food preparation). Local and TSE jobs are a reasonable amount of time. Please Call Quick to submit claim if this is happening to you.

-Tentative agreement -Advantages and disadvantages (Pattern Agreement)...Vote by 10/03

-Get your CBTs done.

-Tie-up-show work and all aspects of your day in the FRA to get claims paid.

Legislative: Paul Pearson – N/A

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

New Business:

We talked about the need to protect our assets and possibly raising dues so we don't use up our assets. We have cut costs and we are aware that any added need for any officer to be off for union representation, the division can't afford given increased costs and job/board assignments.

Meeting Closed: 1st: BP 2nd: CR Vote:6-0 Time: 11:04



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 2025

Open: 10:02am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: EM 2nd: MQ -
Vote:11-0

Prayer: N/A

Attendance: Mike Quick, Eric Murtha, John Curro, Brian Porwoll, Ed Crabb, Pete Smith, Jeff Lillo, Cody Roberts(virtual), Foster Taylor, Phillip Swed, Anthony Paxton

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$1967.77 Savings Balance: \$2001.39 CD: \$3031.16

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast: Quick \$57.71

Cell/Auto Parking: Quick \$106.41

Total Assets: \$7000.32 1st: EM 2nd: PS Vote:9-0-2

Membership: 60 engineers 7 trainman

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Local Chairman: Mike Quick

-Dues: We had a very lengthy conversation on how to conserve more money for the division. Brother Crabb brought up not to do breakfast anymore and that would save roughly \$400 to \$500 dollars a year. After discussion, the motion (JC, EC) was put to a vote (2 for/9 Against).

-Brother Lillo discussed how the due's structure works(national, GCA) and an appropriate amount and the benefits of increased dues to keep up with investigations and the amount we need to pay everyone for missed time and keep the assets of the division whole. Amounts were discussed, brother Lillo suggested an \$8 dollar increase would be sufficient, but other members such as brother Murtha suggested \$10, so we don't have to revisit this issue for some time. Discussion was lively and a motion was brought by (AP, EM) with a vote (9 for/2 against). Brother Lillo said we can revisit this in a year and readjust them as needed based on our financial state. NEW DUES Engineers \$182, Trainman \$155

-GET OUT THE DOOR ASAP

-Brother Curro brought up the need to recruit new membership, Brother Quick and Brother Curro engaged in a lively discussion about why officers can't recruit, but our membership is our best recruiting tool. Members pledged that we need to continue making the BLET a stronger union by showing all membership that we have their best interest in mind and will continue to enrich their livelihoods.

-Talked about vacations and CREWPRO, how to do it and asked those members in attendance to help the rest of the membership.

-We have officially filed an 11/4 dispute over LaSalle because of 8 people on board. The Dispute Resolution Agreement says boards at 8 or more deserves the 11/4 pattern.

-Get your CBTs done.

-Tie-up-show work and all aspects of your day

-Bother Lillo shared the Division Standing Rules and read them quickly to the membership. The membership was briefed on to change them and how the process is for adoption. The Change period is open for new amendments for the 2026 Division Standing Rules.

Legislative: Paul Pearson – N/A

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

New Business:

2026 Division Standing Rules

The membership was briefed on to change them and how the process is for adoption. The Change period is open for new amendments for the 2026 Division Standing Rules.

Meeting Closed: 1st: AP 2nd: PS Vote:10-0 Time: 11:27



BLET Division 133 – Meeting Minutes – December 5th, 2025

Open: 10:05am Teamsters Local 455 Middle Conference Room 1st: EM 2nd: MQ -
Vote:7-0

Prayer: N/A

Attendance: Mike Quick, Eric Murtha, Jeff Lillo, Cody Roberts(virtual), Anthony Paxton, Paul Pearson(virtual), Del Trefrey(virtual)

Financial: Lillo: Checking Balance: \$2047.27 Savings Balance: \$2001.55 CD: \$3050.38

Bills: Salary – Quick: \$362.25 Lillo: \$246.57 Breakfast: Quick \$57.71

Cell: Quick \$88.41

Total Assets: \$7000.32 1st: AP 2nd: EM Vote:5-0-2

Membership: 62 engineers 5 trainman New Member: Ed Foley

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Local Chairman: Mike Quick

-Tie-ups, please fill them out properly and truthfully. Fill out the TIH/PIH reporting on every tie-up

-Securement, and clearance.....Please make sure verbally or physically that you are in the clear in tracks. Make sure to do a release test on locomotives and handbrakes are applied.

-GET OUT THE DOOR ASAP

-Talked about vacations and CREWPRO. They will not be done until the tenth of December. We want to thank all that helped and completed a bid. Thanks to all of you for helping everyone complete a bid.

-We have officially filed an 11/4 dispute over LaSalle because of 8 people on board. The Dispute Resolution Agreement says boards at 8 or more deserves the 11/4 pattern.

-PTC/EMS feedback on tie-up

-Warm up your brakes with the winter cold/and snow.

-Fuel Track issues, do not get combative with their personal-leave or walk away / management walking with crews when taking over power, we should welcome this and point out the deficiencies in the power fresh off the fuel track.

Legislative: Paul Pearson – Talked about the new State of Colorado Office of Rail Safety: New Executive- Jim Syler, Equipment on both sides of the divide for accidents in light of the incident with the train in the river.

Please notify Paul about any locomotive safety issue or HOS issue.

New Business:

2026 Division Standing Rules

The membership was briefed on to change them and how the process is for adoption. The Change period is open for new amendments for the 2026 Division Standing Rules.

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