

MINUTES OF THE TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT COMPLIANCE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 14, 2023

The eighty-third meeting of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Compliance Advisory Board was convened on June 14, 2023 by video call.

The meeting was attended by:

Michael Plumley–Attorney General’s Office
Dave Wilkerson-ABC
Jackie Hodges-Kentucky Tobacco Control Program
Clint Quarles-Agriculture

I. Meeting was called to Order by Michael Plumley.

II. Minutes were adopted from previous meeting.

III. Old Business

A. FDA Action

On December 7, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas ruled in favor of R.J. Reynolds that FDA's regulation requiring graphic cigarette warning labels is unconstitutional. FDA has appealed to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

B. Kentucky/Synar

One PM, TABESA, stopped making quarterly payments and the states are pursuing enforcement actions against it. The company was removed from the Kentucky Tobacco Directory in May.

Kentucky MSA payment received in two wire transfers April 17-20. The total payment was \$118 million.

Synar inspections increased by 100 for 2023.

IV. New Business

- 1. Discussion:** STOP Report on Formula 1 racing and tobacco product advertising.
<https://exposetobacco.org/campaigns/driving-addiction/>

V. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2023.