



## **MEETING LOG**

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Task Group Meeting

**FY25 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Children's Folding Chairs and Stools

**DATE OF MEETING:** 9/4/2025

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Brad Gordon (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 12/16/2025

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Zachary Goldstein (LSM), Brad Gordon (ESMC), Stephen Harsanyi (ESHF), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Contact ASTM for the full attendee list.

### **Summary of Meeting:**

The ASTM F15.59 Children's Step Stools and Standing Towers Task Group (TG) met to discuss the following:

#### **Ballot Negatives**

The TG reviewed three negatives received during the most recent ballot:

- The first negative raised concerns about definitions, specifically questioning the word "intended" and how "barriers" differ from "guardrails". The TG also discussed the definitions for "guardrails", "barriers", and "handrails". The TG agreed not to distinguish between guardrails and barriers. The TG also agreed to use a generic term, such as "railings", instead of differentiating between guardrails and handrails.
- The second negative challenged the weight testing methodology, arguing that a maximum weight should be used instead of relying on standing surface width and the manufacturer's recommended weight. The TG agreed that the 6.5-inch moment calculation needed a clear rationale and reached consensus that the weight testing methodology should consider both product characteristics and the manufacturer's recommended weight.
- The third negative focused on technical details such as test procedures, figure clarifications, and terminology (e.g. using the generic term "railings"), and recommending changes to how test loads and surfaces are described. The TG agreed to review and potentially revise the test procedures, figures, and terminology.



### *Static load testing*

The TG discussed which test loads should be used for static load testing. The TG agreed to maintain the current approach described in the draft standard. The TG also discussed how static loads should be applied. The group reached consensus on: (A) using 500 test cycles; (B) that for adjustable step stools, testing should be done at different height positions; and (C) that static load testing should apply to both standing surfaces and individual steps.

### **Next Steps:**

The TG plans to meet on October 5, 2025 to continue updating the draft standard for standing towers.