

## MEETING LOG

**PRODUCT:** Motorized Partitions

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.78 Subcommittee Meeting on the Safety of Motorized Partitions

**LOCATION:** Teleconference

**DATE:** May 13, 2022

**ENTRY DATE:** May 16, 2022

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Daniel Taxier (ESMC)

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Contact ASTM for a list of all attendees

### MEETING SUMMARY:

This subcommittee is developing a proposed standard for motorized partitions aimed at preventing entrapment incidents. Motorized partitions are moveable walls powered by a motor, and are commonly used in school gymnasiums, offices, or other mixed-use areas to expand or split the space for various events.

The group discussed the need for more participants to move forward with the ASTM process of developing a standard. In particular, the subcommittee is at risk of not meeting the minimum requirement of 3 producers in the subcommittee. Several task group members voiced concerns that producer engagement was necessary to have an effective voluntary safety standard.

The subcommittee chair asked CPSC staff to look into what CPSC can do to promote knowledge of the entrapment hazard posed by motorized partitions. Other subcommittee members will reach out to producers, parent-teacher associations, physical education teacher associations, and other interested parties to promote engagement in the ASTM subcommittee.

The subcommittee expects to discuss a draft of the proposed standard at the next meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled at a future date; it is expected to take place in June or July.