



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F14.10 Specific Applications and Other Fence Systems and Components

FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY: Playground Equipment (Public)

DATE OF MEETING: 11/02/2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: Hybrid

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FILING DATE: 11/28/2023

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Khalisa Phillips, Ph.D., ESHF, & Andrew Newens, ESMC

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for a list of non-CPSC attendees.

Summary of Meeting:

The Subcommittee meeting began with a report from ASTM officer Jamie Huffnagle. Then the agenda and minutes from the previous Subcommittee meeting were approved. According to ASTM, there are multiple fencing standards that need to be reapproved or updated, or they will become inactive.

The meeting focused on discussing ASTM F2049-*Standard Safety Performance Specification for Fences/Barriers for Public, Commercial, and Multi-Family Residential Use Outdoor Play Areas*. One item that was balloted since the last Subcommittee meeting is F14 (23-02) ITEM 001 WK85956. The item consists of a revision to F2049 Section 7 on picket fencing.

The ballot item received more than 90% affirmative votes and results were used to reauthorize F2049 as a standard. CPSC staff reiterated our position that we are in favor of keeping this document as a standard and not reverting to a guide given it would be a reduction in safety. Several members voiced concerns about the vote, that the ballot did not specify that reapproval of the standard was on the table. Another member pointed out that when reapproval was on an earlier ballot F14 (22-03) ITEM 004 WK82740 REAPPROVAL of F2049 the vote did not pass. Members raised the possibility of introducing different verbs in F2049 to give owner / operators more discretion to make decisions regarding fencing around playgrounds. Members also mentioned two old ballot items regarding technical fencing requirements in need of resolution.

Next Steps:

It is unclear whether the vote to reauthorize ASTM F2049 will stand. One ASTM member is contesting the F14 (23-02) ITEM 001 WK85956 vote on procedural grounds, and the outcome is currently unknown.