



**NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Railroad Referees/Neutrals
FROM: Terri D. Brown *Terri D Brown*
Director, Arbitration Services
CC: Section 3 Community
DATE: October 8, 2021
RE: Arbitrator Travel Restrictions

On March 20, 2020, National Mediation Board (NMB) Arbitrator Travel was temporarily restricted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The restrictions on NMB Travel to "essential travel; to protect life and/or limb" remain in place.

We continue to recommend remote arbitrations via teleconference or video conferencing to conduct your arbitration hearings.

If you require assistance or have questions on how to utilize Google Meet, please contact Dexter Batts, dexter.batts@nmb.gov, in the NMB Office of Arbitration Services, Monday-Friday, between 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Eastern.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and continued support of the NMB Arbitration Program and please be safe.