

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE

Task Force Meeting Minutes

DATE: 5.6.2020
TIME: 1:32 PM to 3:04 PM
FORMAT: Telephonic (recorded meeting)

ROLL CALL:

- David Bettencourt – State House office, alone
- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – home office, alone
- State Senator Cavanaugh – home office, alone
- State Senator Chandley – home office, alone
- State Senator Carson – home office, alone
- State Senator Giuda – home office, alone
- Rep. Ed Butler – office, Harts Location, alone
- Rep. William Marsh – home office, alone
- Rep. Timothy Lang – home office , alone
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – joined in after roll call
- John Nyhan – chamber office, Hampton, alone
- Mike Somers – Concord office, alone
- Steve Ahnen – Concord office, alone
- Nancy Kyle – home office, alone
- Chris Emond – Concord office, alone
- Lori Harnois – home office, alone
- Phil Bryce – Concord office, alone
- Bruce Berke – Concord office, alone
- Timothy Mone – home, alone
- Scott Naismith - Salem police station, alone

ABSENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION:

1. DJ Bettencourt:
 - a. Roll Call: Telephonic meeting minutes: 5.4.2020
Motion to approve: Representative Lang; Second: Representative Marsh
 - David Bettencourt - yes
 - Commissioner Caswell – yes
 - State Senator Cavanaugh – yes
 - State Senator Chandley – yes
 - State Senator Carson – yes
 - State Senator Giuda – yes
 - Rep. Butler – yes

- Rep. Marsh – yes
- Rep. Lang – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes
- Steve Ahnen – yes
- Nancy Kyle – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- Lori Harnois – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Timothy Mone – yes
- Scott Naismith - yes
- Rep Salloway - absent

2. DJ Bettencourt provided public session dial-in details for the May 8th session from 9 AM – 11 AM. Dial-in details are also posted on nheconomy.com/covid19
3. Task force questions, comments and answer session

PRESENTATION: COVID-19 Business Liability Issues
PRESENTOR: James P. Harris, Esq., Sheehan Phinney

1. General overview discussion points:
 - Causation element
 - Liability to employees
 - Liability to patrons, customers
 - Possible government action
 - Possible constitutional challenges equal protection
2. Allen Brooks, Senior Assistant Attorney General noted that this presentation was informational shared in a public session and not to be considered a NH Department of Justice/Government presentation on liability and no government legal advice has been provided.
3. Task force questions, comments and answer session

SECTOR DISCUSSION: Dentistry guidance document
PRESENTOR: Representative Marsh

1. Proposed final draft: Discussed the revised dentistry guidance draft
2. Task force questions, comments and answer session
3. Roll call vote: (approved by unanimous vote)
 Motion to approve: Representative Marsh, Second: Representative Lang
 - David Bettencourt - yes
 - Commissioner Caswell – yes
 - State Senator Cavanaugh – yes
 - State Senator Chandley – yes
 - State Senator Carson – yes
 - State Senator Giuda – yes
 - Rep. Butler – yes
 - Rep. Marsh – yes

- Rep. Lang – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes
- Steve Ahnen – yes
- Nancy Kyle – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- Lori Harnois – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Timothy Mone – yes
- Scott Naismith - yes
- Rep Salloway - yes

TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. DJ Bettencourt reviewed the working group committee member list and next steps for completing and presenting guidance documents. After approval by the task force, documents will then be sent to Public Health and Governor Sununu. Campgrounds and Restaurant guidance final draft edits will be discussed tomorrow (5/7/2020).
2. DJ Bettencourt asked the Day Care Guidance working group to utilize the DHHS day care guidelines as a starting point. A vote will take place on Tuesday.
3. Commissioner Caswell provided business web portal assistance information: Business questions should be directed to: www.nheconomy.com/covid19 (“Ask Questions Here” link)
4. Task force questions, comments and answer session
5. DJ Bettencourt reminder: Public Comment session scheduled for Friday, May 8th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

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- Meeting minutes 5.6.2020
- Business Litigation Risks Presentation
- Draft Dental Guidelines
- Telephonic meeting full recording