

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

## Task Force Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** 5.4.2020  
**TIME:** 1:32 PM to 4:03 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 – to dial-in at 2 PM
- State Senator Giuda – home office, alone
- Rep. Ed Butler – business office, Harts Location with assistant Wendy
- Rep. William Marsh – home office, alone
- Rep. Timothy Lang – home office , alone
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – office, alone
- 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: 4.30.2020  
Motion to approve: Representative Butler; Second: Representative Marsh
    - David Bettencourt - yes
    - Commissioner Caswell – yes
    - State Senator Cavanaugh – yes
    - State Senator Chandley – yes
    - State Senator Carson – absent
    - 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 - absent
  - Rep Salloway - yes
2. DJ Bettencourt discussed the task force schedule, reminders, and agenda logistics: Meeting agenda's to be posted 24 hours in advance; notify DJ, Commissioner Caswell or Hilary Ryan with any new items for the agenda. Working groups to send only final drafts to the task force for committee discussion. Once approved by the task force, drafts will be submitted to Public Health and Governor Sununu.
  3. Commissioner Caswell discussed this week's meeting schedule
  4. Allen Brooks, Senior Assistant Attorney General will participate in task force meetings
  5. Task force questions, comments and answer session

**PRESENTATION:** Unemployment Briefing

**PRESENTOR:** Rich Lavers, Deputy Commissioner, New Hampshire Employment Security

- a) Provided a historical perspective and current unemployment claims status
- b) Discussed NHES department activities: call center logistics, unemployment hotline, assistance available on [nhes.nh.gov](http://nhes.nh.gov)
- c) Discussed the *NH Employment Security Unemployment Compensation Update May 4, 2020* document:
  - a. Eligibility under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program created by the CARES Act
  - b. Suitable offers of employment/impact on UI Eligibility
  - c. Ability to Self-Quarantine out of concern with COVID-19 and collect UI
- d) Task force questions, comments and answer session

**SECTOR PRESENTATION:** Summer Camps

**PRESENTOR:** Scott Brody, Owner & Director of Camps Kenwood & Evergreen

- a) Written testimony provided and discussed:
  - a. NH's camp history
  - b. Campers and councilor age groups
  - c. Camp scenarios (typically outdoors, easy to isolate campers, protecting local communities)
  - d. Healthcare availability for campers and staff (safeguarding guidance)
  - e. American Camp Association partnering with the CDC
  - f. Camp Operations Guide Summer 2020
  - g. Field Guide for Camps on Implementation of CDC Guidance
- b) Task force questions, comments and answer session

**TASK FORCE OPEN DISCUSSION:**

1. DJ Bettencourt discussed:
  - a. Current status of Dentistry and next steps for continued discussion
  - b. Cosmetology: decision making process involving the NH Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics. Also, how to access PPE at no cost.
2. Task force questions, comments and answer session

Posted on: [NHEconomy.com/covid19](https://www.nheconomy.com/covid19)

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- NHES presentation
- Day Camps|Summer Camps presentation
- Telephonic meeting full recording