

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE
Task Force Meeting Minutes

DATE: 3.25.2021
TIME: 11:04 AM –1:11 PM
FORMAT: Telephonic (Due to technical difficulties, a recording is not available)

ROLL CALL:

- David Bettencourt – Concord office, alone
- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – Concord office, alone
- State Senator Carson – absent
- State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
- State Senator Chandley – home office, alone
- State Senator Giuda – absent
- Rep. Timothy Lang – Concord office, alone
- Rep. William Marsh – home office, alone
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
- Bruce Berke – Concord office, alone
- Phil Bryce – home office, alone
- Nicolette Clarke – Concord off-site, alone
- Chris Emond – Concord office, alone
- RJ Harding – home office, alone
- Nancy Kyle – absent
- Timothy Mone – vehicle, alone
- John Nyhan – Hampton office, alone
- Mike Somers – Concord office, alone

ABSENT: Senator Carson, Senator Cavanaugh, Senator Giuda, Representative Salloway, Nancy Kyle

MINUTES ROLL CALL: Telephonic meeting minutes: 3.11.2021
Motion to approve: Representative Lang, Second: Representative Marsh
Motion unanimously approved; 5 absent

- David Bettencourt – yes
- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
- State Senator Carson – absent
- State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
- State Senator Chandley – yes
- State Senator Giuda – absent
- Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
- Rep. William Marsh – yes
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Nicolette Clarke – yes

- Chris Emond – yes
- RJ Harding – yes
- Nancy Kyle – absent
- Timothy Mone – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes

Due to technical difficulties, there was no public comment session

PRESENTATION: Public Health update

PRESENTERS: Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director, NH Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Karla Armenti, ScD (UNH) and Nicole Karlsson, ScD (DHHS)

1. Public health update (as of 3.25.2021)
2. COVID-19 Worker Callback Survey Project
3. Task Force Questions and Comments

PRESENTATION: UNH Survey Center’s SBDC Phase 2 Business Resiliency Survey

PRESENTERS: Dr. Andrew Smith, Director, UNH Survey Center and Liz Gray, State Director, NH Small Business Development Center

1. February 2021 executive summary / survey results
Website: <https://www.nhsbdc.org/phase2-businessresiliencysurvey>
2. Task Force Questions and Comments

PROPOSED GUIDANCE DRAFT: Large Outdoor Event Venues

PRESENTER: Representative Lang and RJ Harding

1. Presentation: Discussed proposed Large Outdoor Event Venues guidance
2. Task Force Questions and Comments
 - a. “Forward thinking” (Sen. Chandley)
 - b. Phil Bryce asked if there is any role for proof of vaccination as opposed to self-attestation (DJ noted legal issues)
 - c. Nicolette Clarke spoke in favor of the guidance draft
 - d. Sen. Chandley commented that she is nervous about the concept of asking people their vaccination status. RJ Harding suggested “recommend vaccination” vs. “asking if vaccinated” to attend venues with certain seating capacities
 - e. DJ noted the guidance is important for industry planning purposes and consumer confidence. Industry leaders assisted with draft revisions and businesses still have the flexibility to make their own decision regarding any added protections that are steps taken over-and-above the guidance in place. People should respect a business’s choice to do what the business feels is necessary to keep employees and the public safe.
 - f. Patricia Tilley noted that 6’ is the recommended distance and still applies to all businesses. Any proposed 3’ distance with masks may not be acceptable until sometime in the future.
3. Roll call vote: Motion: Representative Lang, Second: John Nyhan (Unanimously approved, 5 absent)
 - David Bettencourt – yes
 - Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
 - State Senator Carson – absent

- State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
- State Senator Chandley – yes
- State Senator Giuda – absent
- Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
- Rep. William Marsh – yes
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Nicolette Clarke – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- RJ Harding – yes
- Nancy Kyle – absent
- Timothy Mone – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes

PROPOSED UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE AMENDMENT DRAFT: Golf

PRESENTER: Bruce Burke

1. Reviewed proposed edits
2. Task Force Questions and Comments
3. Roll call vote: Motion: Representative Lang, Second: Bruce Berke
(Unanimously approved, 5 absent)
 - David Bettencourt – yes
 - Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
 - State Senator Carson – absent
 - State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
 - State Senator Chandley – yes
 - State Senator Giuda – absent
 - Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
 - Rep. William Marsh – yes
 - Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
 - Bruce Berke – yes
 - Phil Bryce – yes
 - Nicolette Clarke – yes
 - Chris Emond – yes
 - RJ Harding – yes
 - Nancy Kyle – absent
 - Timothy Mone – yes
 - John Nyhan – yes
 - Mike Somers – yes

PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE: Retail

PRESENTER: Representative Lang

1. Reviewed proposed edits
2. Task Force Questions and Comments
3. Roll call vote: Motion: Representative Lang, Second: DJ Bettencourt
(Unanimously approved, 5 absent)
 - David Bettencourt – yes

- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
- State Senator Carson – absent
- State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
- State Senator Chandley – yes
- State Senator Giuda – absent
- Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
- Rep. William Marsh – yes
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Nicolette Clarke – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- RJ Harding – yes
- Nancy Kyle – absent
- Timothy Mone – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes

PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE: Lodging

PRESENTER: Representative Lang

1. Reviewed proposed edits
2. Task Force Questions and Comments
3. Roll call vote: Motion: Representative Lang, Second: Mike Somers
(Unanimously approved, 5 absent)

- David Bettencourt – yes
- Commissioner Taylor Caswell – yes
- State Senator Carson – absent
- State Senator Cavanaugh – absent
- State Senator Chandley – yes
- State Senator Giuda – absent
- Rep. Timothy Lang – yes
- Rep. William Marsh – yes
- Rep. Jeffrey Salloway – absent
- Bruce Berke – yes
- Phil Bryce – yes
- Nicolette Clarke – yes
- Chris Emond – yes
- RJ Harding – yes
- Nancy Kyle – absent
- Timothy Mone – yes
- John Nyhan – yes
- Mike Somers – yes

TASK FORCE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER DISCUSSION:

1. DJ noted that due to technical difficulties, there is no public comment session. Questions and comments should be sent to: nhreopen@nheconomy.com
2. DJ provided guidance updates

- a. Performing Arts Guidance: Discussed the 6' vs 3' distance in the final approval and noted adjustments to final decisions made / request for increased flexibility can be recommended over time
 - b. Task force process going forward: Focus on consolidating industry specific guidance documents into addendums in the Universal Guidance (Representative Lang has already done significant work on some guidance documents.) Anticipated task force conclusion date is the end of April or early May.
 - c. Places of Worship guidance has been updated
3. Questions, Comments and Discussion
- a. Senator Chandley noted Fairs/Festivals, Museums and Art Galleries have been submitted and she will be meeting with the arts education group.
 - b. John Nyhan stated his disappointment with the final decision for 6' distance vs 3' and noted pre-event ticket sales and planning are critical; encourages Public Health to consider Representative Lang's phased in approach to a 3' distance.
 - c. Commissioner Caswell asked the task force members to include track changes when editing guidance documents.
 - d. Nicolette Clarke noted some are confused with the latest performing arts guidelines and seeks ideas for how to move forward. DJ asked Nicolette to review the Governor's approved document and highlight any areas of confusion for further discussion.
 - e. Representative Lang listed the guidance drafts already submitted. DJ will provide the task force with a guidance review/vote schedule for April.
 - f. Bruce Berke is working on merging the Outdoor Attractions and Attractions guidance documents
 - g. Representative Marsh stated that Adult Day Care guidance needs to be considered

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