

Meeting minutes: NHWSB Principles Workgroup

Date: Monday, May 6, 2024, 11 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Hybrid – Washington Room at DLI and via Webex

Attendees

Members present

- Commissioner Blissenbach
- Maria King
- Katie Lundmark (remotely)

DLI staff members present

- Ali Afsharjavan
- Linnea Becerra
- Paul Enger
- Leah Solo

Visitors present

- Todd Bergstrom
- Jeff Bostic

Agenda items

1. **Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 11:04 a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was declared.
2. **Approval of agenda** – a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Maria King and seconded by Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – there were no previous minutes to approve because this was the first meeting of this workgroup.
4. **Board updates** – there were no updates.

New business

- The workgroup established it would work on revising the principles memorandum presented at the March 14, 2024, full board meeting by employers Katie Lundmark, Paula Rocheleau and Mary Swanson.

Board member Lundmark presented the memorandum again, stating it should be seen as a guiding document that will outlast the current members of the board and instruct the next set of members in their duties to the outcomes and goals of the board.

- The workgroup edited the first two bullet points in the memorandum to adhere to the statutes that govern the board.
- There was discussion about the board not taking site-specific data into account before voting for a minimum wage and concerns raised about the number of facilities that will close.
- There was discussion about the board acting within its purview and following statute, to stay neutral, instead of possibly becoming a proxy for other issues in the Legislature.
- Solo was directed by Lundmark and approved by King to rewrite the drafted principles, tracking changes, ahead of the next meeting for review by the workgroup.

Next meeting

- The next meeting is Friday, May 31, 12:30 p.m., in the Washington Room at the Department of Labor and Industry.

Adjournment

A motion was made by King to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. and was seconded by Lundmark. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.