

SENATE RESOLUTION 22 MISCLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES TASK FORCE

Minutes of February 24, 2021 Meeting

The Misclassification of Employees Task Force was established by Senate Resolution of the 2020 Second Extraordinary Legislative Session, within the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR), to study and make recommendations for changes to state laws in an effort to provide the necessary investigatory and enforcement tools to detect, investigate, and minimize employee misclassification in Louisiana.

- I. **Meeting Call to Order** - The meeting of the Misclassification of Employees Task Force was called to order at 3:03 PM by Chairman, Luke Morris.

- II. **Roll Call** - A quorum was established with ten of the thirteen members in attendance. Members present were:
 1. Luke Morris, Chairman (LDR)
 2. Brandon Lagarde, Vice-Chairman (LCPA)
 3. Danell Gerchow (LDR); designee for Secretary Robinson
 4. Robert Wooley (LWC)
 5. Darrick Lee (LWC); designee for Sheral Kellar
 6. Tom Cole (Legislative Auditor); designee for Daryl Purpera
 7. Dawn Starns (NFIB)
 8. Martha Pennington (APA)
 9. Tom Crowley (NPRC)
 10. Jim Patterson (LABI)

- III. **Timeline for Completion of Task Force Objectives**
 - A. **Report to Legislature – Request for Extension to April 2, 2021 (Voting Item)**
 - In order to continue discussions and finalize recommendations discussed to date by members, Chairman Morris proposes to request an extension to submit the report to the Legislature until April 2, 2021.
 - A motion was made by Vice-Chair Lagarde and seconded by Ms. Starns to request an extension of time to submit the report of the task force to the Legislature until April 2, 2021. With no opposition, and no further comment, Chairman Morris will make the request to Senate Leadership.

 - B. **Discussion on Recurring Weekly Meetings for March 2021**
 - Chairman Morris proposed to members the idea of having a weekly meeting in the month of March to continue discussions, receive testimony, and the vetting of recommendations by members. Mr. Lagarde proposed Wednesday afternoons from 2 PM - 4 PM as a meeting day and time. Members were all generally available

at the day and time proposed. Ms. Thomas will send a calendar invite with the future meeting information.

- Mr. Morris will begin next week's meeting with Ms. Lafourcade's presentation. Also, if any members or stakeholders would like to present any items for discussion, please send to Krissy for future meeting agenda dates.

IV. Other Business

- Mr. Lee inquired as to draft legislation and if members would vote on any proposals to be submitted for draft legislation. Chairman Morris answered that a final report is to be submitted to the legislature and any legislation proposed would likely be the result of recommendations made in the report. Mr. Morris envisions the draft report to be ready by the week of March 22nd for a vote of members.
- Mr. Lee then inquired as to the approval from members to move the recommendations forward. Mr. Morris stated that a majority vote would rule, but multiple votes may be taken on multiple issues considered in the final report, all of which will be recorded and made a part of the final report.

V. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Lagarde. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:18 PM.