

Working Group on Jobs, Wages and Benefits

Wednesday, September 7th Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 6:30 PM

Location: Old Council Chambers, 441 4th St NW, Washington, DC, 20001

Meeting Notes

11 members present at call to order. Two additional members join at 6:50 PM. 13 members present for remainder of the meeting

1. Call to Order
 - a. DM Snowden calls the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
 - i. Good evening!
 - ii. Date: September 7, 2016.
 - iii. Time: 6:35PM
 - iv. Location: Old Council Chambers at 441 4th Street, NW Washington DC.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Deputy Mayor Snowden welcomes the group, and introduces the team members:
 - i. Staff from OCA are joining to support committee. Can be contacted at lia.katz@dc.gov or Jacob.wong@dc.gov
 - ii. DM Snowden introduces Vice-Chair: Deputy COS Rob Hawkins
 1. Hawkins as Chair if DM Snowden absent
 - b. DM requests Working Group members introduce themselves
 - i. All present members provide brief introductions, basic background info
3. Goals and Expectations of the Working Group
 - a. DM Snowden reads portion of Mayor's Order; informs Working Group members of the Group's charge
 - i. Within 6 months produce a report of legislative, programmatic, and regulatory recommendations
 - b. Deputy COS provides brief overview of proposed schedule; informs Working Group that this item will be discussed later in the meeting
 - c. DM Snowden answers a question regarding expert speakers that will provide information on MD and VA
 - d. Washington and Hakki introduce themselves (joined meeting at approx. 6:50PM)
4. Announcement of a Quorum
 - a. DM Snowden announces a quorum (13 members present)
5. Steven Walker (MOTA) swears in members of the committee at 7:08 PM
6. New Business
 - a. Review and Vote on Bylaws
 - i. DM Snowden asks members to read bylaws
 - ii. Roberts Rules will be in effect where the bylaws are silent
 - iii. Member asks a question about what constitutes a quorum
 1. DM Snowden reads passage from bylaws; simple majority

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2. Quorum is half plus 1 (8)
 3. Members cannot vote by proxy
 - iv. OCA staff will take minutes
 - v. Bylaws approved (unanimously)
 - b. Review Proposed Schedule and Topics
 - i. Meeting on December 12, changed to December 14
 - ii. Meeting on Saturday, November 5; potentially move to later in the evening
 - iii. Vice-Chair Hawkins introduces schedule
 1. Meeting 2: State of the District's economy
 2. Meetings 3, 4, and 5 required by the Mayor's Order
 3. Meetings 6 and 7 public comment
 - iv. Proposed topics:
 1. Broad and can be refined
 2. Widdicombe w/questions about engaging experts, surveys, requests that OCFO (Fitzroy Lee) be an ex officio member
 - a. Hakki expressed preference for a survey
 3. Gray expressed preference for expert presenter material to be simple, to ensure it can easily be shared w/the community at-large
 4. How has the economy changed over time, how does the DC economy impact the region?
 5. Washington w/comment on DCHR comp and class reform project
 6. Gray w/request to breakdown cost of living for different buckets of citizens, e.g. college student vs. new homeowner vs. creative class member vs. parent
 7. Hakki w/request to combine meetings 3 and 5
 8. Request to discuss business regulatory reform
 9. Gray: Do the meetings leading up to the public comment meetings give the Working Group members enough background to engage in the public comment
 - a. All meetings are public
 - b. Public comment meetings will also include experts
 10. Website to allow for public comment
 11. DM Snowden: staff will circulate proposed speakers
 12. Widdicombe: question to Chair and Vice-Chair, thought on industry leaders talking to the working group?
 - a. Vice-Chair: who do want to hear from? We have the choice. Request for members to determine and come up w/ideas for speakers
7. Adjournment

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- i. DM Snowden reminds members to provide feedback on the list of proposed speakers and topics
- b. Meeting adjourned

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