



Commission on Labor

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Osborne, Saginor, Botello, Berne, Schriener, Harlow, Jones
Staff: Kristen Lee
Members of the Public: 8
2. Public Comments
The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.
 - a. Five members of the public spoke, all in favor of the Commission reconsidering the Fair Workweek Ordinance referral from Council.
4. Approval of Draft January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes (*Attachment 1*)
 - a. Minutes were approved as written (M/S/C: Schriener/Botello. Ayes: Botello, Berne, Schriener, Harlow, Jones. Noes: None. Abstentions: Osborne, Saginor).

Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.

5. Election of Chair
 - a. Michael Berne was voted in as Chair (M/S/C: Saginor/Osborne. Ayes: Botello, Berne, Schriener, Harlow, Osborne, Saginor. Noes: None. Abstentions: Jones).
6. Election of Vice Chair
 - a. Kyle Schriener was voted in as Vice Chair (M/S/C: Berne/Harlow. Ayes: Botello, Berne, Schriener, Harlow, Osborne, Saginor. Noes: None. Abstentions: Jones).
7. 2021 Workplan Discussion and Adoption (*Attachment 2 – Prior Workplan*)
 - a. Chair Berne appointed Saginor, Botello and Harlow to a Fair Workweek Ordinance subcommittee. This subcommittee will meet before the next meeting to develop preliminary recommendations on the Fair Workweek Ordinance referral.
 - b. Several draft changes were made to the existing workplan (Attachment A), but discussion of the workplan was tabled until the next meeting, where it will be a high priority agenda item (M/S/C: Harlow/Schriener. Unanimous).
8. Discussion of new State legislation that would prevent elected prosecutors from investigating police misconduct if they've accepted campaign funds from law-enforcement unions ([https://www.sfchronicle.com/crime/article/New-bill-would-remove-DAs-from-police-misconduct-15667589.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20\(Premium\)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email](https://www.sfchronicle.com/crime/article/New-bill-would-remove-DAs-from-police-misconduct-15667589.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20(Premium)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email))
 - a. Chair Berne asked Commissioners to vote on whether this item should appear on a future agenda. A vote to put this item on a future agenda failed (M/S/C: Ayes: Berne, Schriener. Noes: Jones. Abstentions: Harlow, Osborne, Saginor, Botello).
9. Discussion of the labor shortage and its impact on economic recovery
 - a. No action taken.
10. Future Agenda Items
 - a. FWW Subcommittee report back and discussion
 - b. Finalize Workplan
 - c. Possible speaker related to labor shortage
11. Announcements

- a. A Resolution was passed to thank Kristen Lee for helping at this meeting and for best wishes in retirement (Unanimous).

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attachments

1. Draft January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. FY19-20 Commission on Labor Workplan

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