

Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) Legislative Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

1pm

Call in info

- Dial the call in number: [1-800-356-8278](tel:1-800-356-8278)
- Enter the 6 digit conference code: 389388

Agenda

- Open – Reading of GOFERR 91-A compliant guidance
- Roll Call
- Selection of Legislative Advisory Board Chair
- Department Presentations:
 - 1-2PM: Department of Safety
 - 2-3PM: Health and Human Services
 - 3-3:30PM: Department of Employment Security
 - 3:30-4PM: Department of Education
 - 4-4:30PM: Department of Corrections
 - 4:30-5PM: Department of Business and Economic Affairs
 - 5-5:15PM: Department of Transportation
- Next Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Anticipated Presentations from:
 - Margaret Byrnes, Exec. Dir., NH Municipal Association
 - Hon. Joyce Craig, Mayor, Manchester
 - Hon. James Donchess, Mayor, Nashua
 - A Town Administrator TBA
 - NH Association of Counties
 - County Administrator
 - County Nursing Home
 - County Corrections

Roll Call

- Jerry Little – Director of GOFERR, in GOFERR office in Concord, with Shaun Thomas and Rhonda Hensley
- President Donna Soucy – home, alone
- Speaker Steve Shurtleff – home, in Penacook, alone
- Leader Chuck Morse – office, alone
- Leader Dick Hinch – office, Merrimack, alone
- Chairman Lou D'Allesandro – kitchen, wife is present
- Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner – home, Concord, alone

- Representative Erin Hennesey – home, Littleton, kids and husband are working from home, but not in room

Selection of Board Chair

- Representative Dick Hinch nominates Senator Chuck Morse
- Representative Erin Hennesey 2nds motion
- Senator Donna Soucy moves to table the item
- Senator Chuck Morse 2nds motion

Roll Call Vote:

- President Donna Soucy – yes
- Speaker Steve Shurtleff – yes
- Senator Chuck Morse – yes
- Representative Dick Hinch – yes
- Senator Lou D’Allesandro – yes
- Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner – yes
- Senator John Reagan - yes
- Representative Erin Hennesey – yes

Senator D’Allesandro requests update on monies allocated based on decisions Governor has made regarding to the COVID relief fund.

Senator Soucy requests GOFERR Legislative Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020 to be moved from 1 pm to 10 am.

Senator Soucy makes a motion
Representative Hinch 2nds the motion

Roll Call Vote:

- President Donna Soucy – yes
- Speaker Steve Shurtleff – yes
- Senator Chuck Morse – yes
- Representative Dick Hinch – yes
- Senator Lou D’Allesandro – yes
- Chairwoman Mary Jane Wallner – yes
- Senator John Reagan - yes
- Representative Erin Hennesey – yes

Governor Sununu in attendance

- Will submit full summary in writing prior to Friday’s meeting
- Gives overview of funds

Department of Safety

Commissioner Robert Quinn, Smokey Bear Blvd at IPOC, in a private conference room in attendance with Assistant Commissioner Rick Bailey, Perry Plummer, Director of Finance & Administration Steve Lavoie give report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts and FEMA support.

Health and Human Services

Commissioner Lori Shibonette & Chief Financial Officer Kerrin Rounds give report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts with medical professionals, hospitals, long term care facilities, elderly and developmental services.

Department of Employment Security

Commissioner George Copadis and Assistant Commissioner Rich Lavers gives report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts with unemployment claims submitted, call centers, and federal funds.

Department of Education

Commissioner Frank Edelblut gives report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts with remote learning, meal deliveries, IEP, and support of students.

Department of Corrections

Commissioner Helen Hanks gives report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts as they work on preventative measures, advanced screenings, social distancing, and remote learning.

Department of Business and Economic Affairs

Commissioner Taylor Caswell gives report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts to manufacturing, tourism and hospitality industry.

Department of Transportation

Commissioner Victoria Sheehan gives report and overview of COVID-19 related impacts and focus is on safety amongst workforce, preventative guidelines, project development, construction, and administration and toll operations.

Main Point

The goal is to create a plan, phases and timing of dollars, and how they should be spent. Monies should be spent before end of December 2020. The dollars cannot be used on governmental

revenue, but private and nonprofit businesses that need relief. CARES Act will give guidance that the funds must be COVID related.

Next Scheduled Meetings

Friday, April 17th 10 AM

Monday, April 20th 1 PM

Wednesday, April 22nd 1 PM

Friday, April 24th 1 PM

Groups interested in speaking to this group: USNH, Hospital Association, & Center for Nonprofits, and BIA - business community, healthcare, education and nonprofits.

Calls will continue *every* Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 1pm via conference call system unless otherwise decided upon.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS:

Senator D'Allesandro requests update on monies allocated based on decisions Governor has made regarding to the COVID relief fund to date by next meeting.

Representative Wallner requests info on the 12 surge sites, can include who paid for the startup costs. (Perry Plummer confirmed to get info to the committee)

Representative Hennessey requests a spreadsheet of ways Employment Security is receiving funds from the federal government as well as a rolling balance of the trust fund as it goes out and a project trust fund balance. (Rich Lavers will put something together that will be a regular report out on a weekly basis)

Senator Morse would like recap of financial updates from today's presentation from each department - actual requests by the federal government by department.

Senator Morse would like a list of organizations that have federal compliance processes in place from Commissioner Caswell to give to Commissioner Little – CDFA, BFA, NH Housing etc.

Representative Hinch would like to know who the point person is to ensure NH is registered for CARES Act by 11:59 PM on April 17, 2020. Commissioner Little to follow up.