



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

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Economic and Community Development Task Force

May 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 11:00 a.m.

Task Force Members Present:

- Michael Hecht
- Scott Martinez
- Jerry Bologna
- Mike Busada
- Guy Cormier
- Chris DeGuelle
- John Gallagher
- Tara Hernandez
- Ramesh Kolluru
- Vic LaFont
- Mackenzie Ledet
- Camille Manning-Broome
- Chris Masingill
- Jan Moeller
- Michael Olivier
- Odell Riley
- Rocky Rockett
- Larkin Simpson
- Troy Wayman
- Michael Williamson

Agenda

- The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was verified. It was posted to the Zoom chat box that comments, questions, and feedback were welcomed.
- Co-Chair Michael Hecht: Task Force submitted our early recommendations for reopening to Secretary Pierson last week, and we are now moving on to the second part of our charge which is to use this moment to address pre-existing challenges to Louisiana's prosperity.
 - Additional comments: Michael Olivier put together a team and did some exceptional work, distilling down to some very specific buckets of areas that we would want to address in order to both bring Louisiana out of the coronavirus situation, and also position the state better than it was before.
- Mr. Olivier: thanked members for their contributions to the draft report: Chris DeGuelle, Gay LeBreton, Jerry Bologna, Chris Massingill, Vic LaFont, and Dino Paternostro. He facilitated a review of the RESET Louisiana's Future document in the areas specific to the Task Force focus points: Early Childhood, K12, Higher Education/Workforce, Taxes, Pension Reform, Constitution, and Transportation/Infrastructure. There was discussion amongst the members around these key topics.
- Mr. Paternostro suggested that a lot of legislative work has been done around these key issues, and we should consider reviewing those reforms, bills and reports to help inform how we refine our final report.
- Mr. Olivier asked the Task Force members to continue providing feedback on the key topics.
- Mike Busada commented on 10 specific policies around tax-exempt bond financing programs that would like the Task Force to consider lending support to and including in our work. Mr. Busada reviewed the document titled COVID-19 Recovery Legislation Stimulus #4 Recommendations. There was discussion amongst the members around these key topics.
- Mr. Hecht commented that there is a matrix format he'd like to employ as an effective way of categorizing data and proposed legislation for what success looks like.
- Secretary Pierson thanked the Task Force members for lending time and support to the work of the Resilient Louisiana Commission. He provided valuable advice on streamlining and packaging the Task Force reports in a manner that presents

recommendations and findings succinctly. He then provided an update on the RLC activities.

- Mr. Hecht remarked that our next step now is to take our phases one and two recommendations and condense them into a usable format with the matrix, action items and relevant legislation to submit to Sec. Pierson and the RLC. Following that we will pivot to our third more aspirational visions of what we need to be doing in the future.
- Mr. Hecht proposed a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on 5/8/2020. The motion was endorsed first by Jerry Bologna, and second by Ramesh Kolluru. The motion passed. Rachel Shields mentioned that the next Zoom meeting is scheduled for this Friday at 12:45 PM.
- Mr. Hecht thanked everyone for their work on the projects, and adjourned the meeting.

Acknowledgement and adjournment at 12:33 p.m.