



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

CO-CHAIR DON PIERSON

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Economic and Community Development Task Force

May 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 12:45 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

- Michael Hecht
- Mackenzie Ledet
- Larkin Simpson
- Scott Martinez
- Camille Manning-Broome
- Tana Trichel
- Jerry Bologna
- Chris Massingill
- Don Pierson
- Mike Busada
- Quentin Messer
- Sonia Perez
- Chris DeGuelle
- Jan Moeller
- Jane Brown Russel
- Ramesh Kolluru
- Michael Olivier

- Agenda and Roll Call
 - 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 Scott Martinez proposed a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on 5/12/2020. The motion was endorsed first by Ramesh Kolluru, and second by Larkin Simpson. The motion passed.
- Mr. Martinez recognized the Resilient Louisiana Commission members in the meeting, and asked Secretary Don Pierson to provide comments on the RLC activities. Sec. Pierson commented on the following key points:
 - The Commission met on Thursday and adopted two documents: the intermediate recommendations/Charge 1, and the appendix which contains all the Task Force reports submitted. All will be posted to the Resilient Louisiana online portal.
 - A RLC working group is producing guidelines to help the Task Forces frame their work around the longer-term RLC resilience document that is targeted to be produced by June 30th. Those guidelines should be adopted May 22nd, and then shared with the Task Forces. All Task Forces will be asked to produce their final reports by June 12th.
 - On May 21st, Dr. Jim Richardson will present during an RLC budget workshop public meeting. Task Force members are encouraged to attend and monitor other Task Force meetings & work to help share information and build aligned and cohesive reports.
- Ms. Sonja Perez reported that the RLC is carefully reviewing Task Force submissions and is excited to learn more of the various group's works.
- Ms. Jade Brown-Russell commented that the RLC appreciates the Task Force's efforts in prioritizing issues of equity in their works.
- Mr. Olivier provided a brief overview of the pre-coronavirus draft findings and focus points, many carried over from the GNO, Inc. Reform for Louisiana's Future and also from RESET Louisiana: Early Childhood, K12, Higher Education/Workforce, Taxes, Pension Reform, Constitution, and Transportation/Infrastructure.
- Mr. Hecht commented that we will be placing these key focal points into a matrix that identifies related legislation.
- Mr. Hecht asked Ileana Ledet to provide a legislative update.
 - Ms. Ledet referenced a number of bills moving in the legislature now that are related to company liabilities and protections as they relate to the current healthcare crisis. She also mentioned a higher education transcript bill that was introduced, and she asked for continued feedback on bills the Task Force members would be interested in hearing about for future meetings.
 - Dino Paternostro commented on a mini package of bills, developed by the Governor's Legislative Task Force, which moved out of Ways and Means earlier this week is on the House floor.

- Mr. Hecht reminded the Task Force that we would be formatting all of our recommendations in a matrix format, and he asked Mackenzie Ledet to comment on the project.
 - Ms. Ledet commented that the matrix will include more concrete legislative solutions for our recommendations going forward.
- Mr. Hecht asked Camille Manning-Broome to comment on the post-coronavirus opportunities recommendations project.
 - Ms. Manning-Broome commented the writing team consists of herself, Jan Moeller, Mackenzie Ledet, Ramesh Kolluru, and Gay LeBreton. The group is formulating a game plan on how they will structure the draft for submission to the Task Force leaders on the 20th of next week. We will look for long term growth and resilience opportunities for a sustainable growth for trajectory for Louisiana - based on the guiding principles that this team established early on. She further asked Task Force members to send in any thoughts, ideas or documents that could contribute.
- Ramesh Kolluru commented that if there is any output from the pre-coronavirus issues draft that can help inform this group's work, that might actually be a way to build on the past challenges, current solutions and future opportunities.
- Mr. Hecht asked Rachel Shields for comment on the Task Force's next steps.
 - Ms. Shields commented that the RLC ECD Task Force will reconvene on Wednesday, 5/20 to review the recommendations from Ms. Manning-Broome. As the Secretary mentioned, there is an RLC budget workshop meeting at 2PM on Thursday, 5/21, that everyone is encouraged to attend, and then the RLC ECD will reconvene a second-time next week on Friday, 5/22 to begin finalizing draft reports.
- Mr. Hecht asked for public comment. There was none.
- Mr. Hecht and Mr. Martinez thanked the RLC members in attendance, Mr. Pierson for providing updates on the Commission's work, and the Task Force members for their work. The meeting was adjourned.

Acknowledgement and adjournment