

MINUTES

PREVAILING WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

Dan Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guests Present</u>
Daniel Boldt	Robert Bachofner	Lois Banahene	Ed Hensley
Mark Holliday	Tim DeGan	Dan Gardner	John Killin
Jay Minor	Jessica Harris	Christie Hammond	Denise O'Farrell
John Mohlis	Norman Malbin	Annette Talbott	Frank Regalado
Dan O'Brien	Shawn Miller	Hannah Wood	John Rowand
Dick Springer	Bob Shiprack		Ken Stroup
			John Sutherland
			Bruce Temple
			David Yamaka

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April 2, 2003 meeting of the advisory committee were corrected to reflect that committee member Dan O'Brien was present.

PWR Survey Wage Rate Appeal Process Review

Staff reviewed the previously-approved process for appealing a PWR rate determination. Commissioner Gardner announced his intention to include the process for appealing a surveyed wage rate in both the published rate book and on the bureau's website.

It was suggested that the timing of the survey and/or the timing of the rates publication date should be adjusted to allow enough time for the rates to be reviewed before they are published, although no consensus was reached about the best times/dates for these.

Survey Discussions/Suggestions

Denise O'Farrell of the Employment Department discussed the Department's response to suggestions from the Fair Contracting Foundation's recommendations and reviewed the minutes from the Technology Subcommittee.

The Department agreed to implement a change to collect data from a peak week at any time in the prior year, but cautioned that this may result in an increased burden to contractors and a decrease in data quality. The Department is also willing to incorporate the separate collection of data from heavy-highway construction and building construction.

Committee members debated the best way to collect the survey data. Some suggestions included surveying a peak week by region, peak week by craft, peak week by region and by craft, peak month, peak quarter and reporting data from an entire year. It was also proposed that apprenticeship data be eliminated from the survey. Denise O'Farrell explained that this data is helpful to her in determining the "employee profile" of a firm.

BOLI and Employment Department staff agreed to discuss these issues further and return with suggestions at the next scheduled committee meeting.

Other Business

In response to Dick Springer, Annette Talbott updated the committee on SB 772 – a bill intended to allow more contracting and bidding flexibility on ODOT joint private/public projects.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 11, at 1:30 PM at the International Union of Operating Engineers, 555 East 1st Street in Gladstone.

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