

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wage and Hour Commission

Thursday, September 11, 2008 - 2:00 PM
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street
Portland, Oregon 97232

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

John Fyre, Chair (via phone)
Jeff McDonald

Staff Present:

Christie Hammond, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division (WHD)
Karen Gernhart, Administrative Specialist, Child Labor Unit, WHD

3. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

a. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 17, 2008 were unanimously approved with an amendment requested by Commissioner Fyre reflecting the reason he does not wish to be reappointed to a second term and is resigning from the commission.

Staff summarized the temporary actions taken by staff since the commission's last meeting, which were unanimously approved.

b. Temporary Delegation of Authority Pending Appointment of Commission Member

Staff noted that due to the expiration of the terms of former commission member Kathy Nishimoto and John Fyre, upon the effective date of the planned resignation of Mr. Fyre, there will remain only one active voting member on the commission, Jeff McDonald. Staff advised Commissioners Fyre and McDonald that pursuant to ORS 174.130, two active voting members of the commission are required in order to constitute a quorum and conduct the official business of the commission. Pending the appointment of (a) new member(s) to the commission, staff requested that the commission temporarily delegate its authority to take action to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, who also serves as Secretary and Executive Officer of the Commission.

Action: The commission members unanimously agreed to adopt staff's recommendation to temporarily delegate authority to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Staff advised Chair Fyre that a "Temporary Delegation of Authority" would be sent to him for his signature.

4. REPORTS

a. Child Labor Unit Statistics

Staff reported that the Child Labor Unit issued a total of 1,054 annual Employment Certificates ("EC's") in July and August, 2008; 97% the number issued during the same months last year.

b. Workers' Compensation Injury Report and Significant Cases

It was reported that the June Workers' Compensation Division report of injuries occurring to minors had been received and reviewed; and that staff followed up with four employers that did not have employment certificates.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. OTHER

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.