

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Worker Protection Unit Task Force
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 17, 2020

The Worker Protection Unit Task Force met in public session on **Thursday, September 17, 2020**, via WebEx, pursuant to notice. The full meeting was recorded.

Kwame Raoul, Attorney General, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Task Force Members Present (10/10)

Via WebEx: Alvar Ayala, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Robert Berlin, DuPage County State's Attorney
Michael Brennan, Illinois Workers Compensation Commission
Kimberly Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney
John Greenwood, Office of the Illinois Attorney General
James Gomric, St. Clair County State's Attorney
Brent Harzman, Illinois Department of Human Rights
Michael Kleinik, Illinois Department of Labor
Kwame Raoul, Illinois Attorney General
John Waters, Illinois Department of Employment Security

Introductory Remarks:

Attorney General Kwame Raoul calls the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A quorum is present.

The Attorney General gave opening remarks

New Business:

- **Adoption of minutes from January 23, 2020 meeting:** Michael Kleinik moved to adopt the meeting minutes, Robert Berlin seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yeas:

Alvar Ayala
Robert Berlin
Michael Brennan

John Greenwood
James Gomric
Brent Harzman
Michael Kleinik
John Waters

(Kimberly Foxx joined the meeting after the motion to adopt the minutes)

The following gave presentations to the Task Force regarding worker protection issues, including dealing with the spread of COVID-19 in meatpacking and processing plants, retail establishments, and trades, and ongoing issues with misclassification, prevailing wage, and sexual harassment

Bob O'Toole, President of UFCW Local 1546

Zach Koutsky, Legislative Director UFCW Local 881

Brian Tarbill, worker from Walmart

Bob Schroeder, Business manager, Laborers' Local 231

Jake Moody, Business Representative, Carpenters 237

Isaura Martinez, organizer/temp worker, Chicago Workers Collaborative (translated by Alvar Ayala)

The following Task Force members gave presentations/comments about their agencies work to protect workers during the pandemic

Michael Brennan, Chairman, Workers Compensation Commission

Brent Harzman, Charge Processing Division Manager, Illinois Department of Human Rights

Michael Kleinik, Director, Illinois Department of Labor

John Waters, Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Illinois Department of Employment Security

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin

St. Clair County State's Attorney Jim Gomric

Alvar Ayala, Bureau, Workplace Rights Bureau, Illinois Attorney General's Office

No members of the public sought to give public comment

Adjournment: Having no further business to discuss, Kimberly Foxx moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Michael Kleinik. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Yeas:

Alvar Ayala
Robert Berlin
Michael Brennan
Kimberly Foxx
John Greenwood
James Gomric
Brent Harzman
Michael Kleinik
Kwame Raoul
John Waters

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. Next meeting date to be determined.