

Illegal Tobacco Task Force Minutes

Meeting Date: June 9, 2016

Meeting Time: 1:00pm

Meeting Location: One Ashburton Place – Office of the Treasurer, 12th floor conference room

Board Members Present: Kajal Chattopadhyay (Co-Chair), Steve Fennessy (Co-Chair), Michael Sweeney, Lea Susan Ojamaa, Christy Fedor, Thomas Bocian, Amber Villa, Brian Domoretsky (sitting in for David Solet)

Others: Bensen Solivan, Peter French, Joshua Brabazon, Victor Solorzano, Evan Garcia, Brenda McConville, Kathy Bell, Sam Doran, Nicole St. Peter MacDermott, Allyson Perron, Timothy O'Neill, Jasper Frank, Paul Caron, Scott Delaney, Kevin Brown, Molly Parks.

Call to Order:

- Mr. Chattopadhyay called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.
- Task Force members were called to review the previous meeting minutes. After review, Mr. Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Fedor seconded the motion. The Task Force voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
- According to Mr. Chattopadhyay, the focus of the day's agenda is the proposed legislative changes. He indicated that this will be the starting point of discussion and encouraged dialogue.

Proposed Legislative Changes:

- Mr. Chattopadhyay framed the discussion by asking the Task Force if they felt anything was missing from the proposed changes (which had been previously distributed).
- Mr. Sweeney felt they were comprehensive and covered the issues the Task Force has been working on.
- Kevin Brown and Molly Parks of DOR were present to help the Task Force go through the proposed changes, section by section, and to discuss any questions or concerns.
- The Task Force brought forth several questions regarding word choice, sentence structure and the inclusion of certain items throughout portions of the proposal. Mr. Brown and Ms. Parks were able to address concerns and questions as well as provide background and context where necessary.
- Mr. Chattopadhyay indicated that he will work to incorporate the changes discussed at today's meeting so that they will be ready for review at the next meeting.
- Mr. Chattopadhyay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.