

Note: As this was the Task Force's final meeting, the minutes below were reviewed by members and approved by the Chair on the Task Force's behalf.

Rest Home Task Force

Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2025
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Date of meeting: Friday, March 14, 2025
Start time: 10:30 am
End time: 12:15 pm
Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Member Attendance & Votes		Present	Vote 1*	Vote 2*
1	Kiame Mahaniah – Executive Office of Health and Human Services (<i>chair</i>)	X	X	X
2	Judy Bernice – Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, DPH	X	X	X
3	Scune Carrington – Private practitioner, BennuCare	X	X	X
4	Kim Clougherty – Department of Mental Health (DMH)	X	X	X
5	Emily Cooper – Executive Office of Aging & Independence (EOAI)	X	X	-
6	Tracey Cravedi – Hale House	X	X	X
7	Moses Dixon – Senior Connection	X	X	-
8	Pamela Edwards – Massachusetts Senior Action Council	X	X	X
9	Patricia Jehlen – Massachusetts Senate, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs	X	X	X
10	Mathew Muratore – Formerly Mass. House of Representatives	X	X	X
11	Megan Nicholls – Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)	X	X	X
12	Patrick O'Connor – Massachusetts Senate	X	X	X
13	Ron Pawelski – Massachusetts Association of Residential Care Homes (MARCH)	X	X	X
14	Thomas Stanley – MA House of Representatives, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs	X	X	X
15	Pavel Terpelets – Office of Long-Term Services and Supports (OLTSS), MassHealth	X	-	X

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Undersecretary Mahaniah called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. He welcomed members and informed them that the Task Force meeting is subject to the Open Meeting Law and that any votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll-call vote.

Vote 1 to approve the 2/28/2025 meeting minutes: Undersecretary Mahaniah requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Task Force's previous meeting on 2/28/2025. Representative Muratore introduced the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Dixon and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Undersecretary Mahaniah facilitated a discussion of the Task Force's draft report, which staff had compiled based on the presentations and testimony provided to the Task Force during its meetings. Members shared specific feedback on the draft document, spending the majority of the discussion focused on the draft recommendations.

In closing, Undersecretary Mahaniah encouraged members to share written feedback on the draft report by close of business on Wednesday, March 19. He explained that Task Force staff would then incorporate any written feedback received into an updated draft of the report, which will be submitted to the Legislature by the April 1, 2025 deadline.

Vote 2 to adjourn the meeting: Undersecretary Mahaniah requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Representative Muratore introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Carrington and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Meeting Materials

1. Draft 2/28/2025 meeting minutes
2. Draft report