

**Florida Public Task Force on Workplace Safety
Minutes of Conference Call, December 18, 2008**

10:00 A.M.–10:45 A.M.

Participants

Governor's appointees:

Linda South, Chair
Marianne Capozziello
Mark Friend
Paul Imbrone
Mike Marinan

House appointees:

Scott Blaser
Cindy Kane
Danny Shaw
Hastings Williams

Senate appointees:

John Henshaw
Karen Phillips

Project staff:

Charlene Vespi
Greg Bachman

Court reporter:

Cynthia R. Green

Task Force Members Not Participating

James Baiardi, John Kozey, James Robertson (Senate)
Albert Huston (House)

Secretary Linda South opened the meeting and asked members to respond to a roll call.

The task force worked through the segments of the report, making the following unanimous changes or decisions. Explanatory comments or comments for the record are in parentheses.

Letter from Secretary South: Change paragraph 3, sentence 1, to read “. . . for many cities, counties, and the state.” (Marianne Capozziello thought that the letter should include the potential long-term economic savings of compliance with OSHA regulations.)

Executive Summary: (Marianne Capozziello commented that the executive summary and report seemed “skeletal.” Secretary South noted that legislators will have full meeting transcripts.)

Recommendation 1a: (Secretary South brought forward public comment that requested a more specific timeline for the deadline “within three years.”) Revise the recommendation to state that, for legislation passed in 2009, public entities must comply by June 30, 2012.

Recommendation 1b: (Task force members disagreed about the accuracy of the first sentence, according to voting at the December 2 meeting: Were OSHA 1910 and 1926 specified as standards? Does “voluntary” apply to compliance or to the accreditation program?) Secretary South will accept responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of the recommendation, based on the meeting transcript.

Delete the last sentence, “Members noted that mandatory compliance would create an economic hardship for many cities and counties.”

Recommendation 2: Make the reporting effective July 1, 2009.

Recommendation 2a: In sentence 2, specify the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and change *will* to *may*.

Recommendation 3: State that the first “state-of-the-state” report will cover fiscal year 2009–10.

Recommendation 4: Specify that the toll-free line is confidential.

Recommendation 5: Change *mentors* to *resources*. State that the resources are “existing.”

Secretary South thanked members for their service and adjourned the meeting at 10:45.