

Governor's Commission on the Reform of DOT
Minutes
November 16, 2007
10:00 AM
Housatonic Community College
Bridgeport, CT

Present: Michael Critelli, Commissioner Ralph Carpenter, David Egan, Commissioner Anne Gnazzo, Anthony Milano, Commissioner Gina McCarthy, Meredith Reuben, Larry McHugh, James Paggioli.

Absent: Secretary Robert Genuario (represented by Under Secretary Philip Smith), Kevin Kelleher, William Sawch.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Critelli called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Critelli called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2007 meeting. Mr. Milano made a motion (2nd: Carpenter). Voice vote—motion approved.

III. Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Critelli outlined the agenda for the meeting and gave an overview of the planned structure of the Commission's report to the Governor.

IV. Presentations

People and Culture Working Group

People and Culture Chairwoman Meredith Reuben thanked the members of the group for their hard work. The Chairwoman also noted the contributions made by Commissioner Carpenter and Human Resources Administrator Vicki Arpin and the staff at the Department of Administrative Services who worked on the employee survey. The Chairwoman presented a report detailing the meetings, activities, findings and recommendations of the work group. Ms. Reuben noted the coordination and collaboration that occurred with the Organization and Procedures Working Group due to the overlapping nature of the issues studied by each group.

Chairman Critelli noted the importance of employee recognition awards and the need to conduct regular employee surveys.

Organization and Procedures Working Group

Anthony Milano, Chairman of the Organization and Procedures Working Group thanked Chairman Critelli and the working group members for their hard work. The Chairman reported on the group's process including the background of the DOT; current DOT reorganization efforts; organizational issues; policies, practices and procedures; and the interaction of DOT with other agencies and the public. He also noted the collaboration of the People and Culture group with the Organization and Procedures group.

V. New Business

The date, time and location of the next meeting is to be determined and will be posted on the Commission website. The agenda tentatively will include reports from the working groups.

VI. Public Comment

The Chairman announced that he would open the meeting to public comment for the remaining time on the agenda. Those commenting were:

- A bicycle/pedestrian advocate testified that:
 - DOT should have a full-time bike/ped coordinator.
 - The New Britain - Hartford Busway should have bike lanes.
 - DOT must have specific accountability in its structure for multi-modal projects.
 - The bike/trail map needs updating.
- Floyd Lapp, Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Planning Agency testified that it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioner Carpenter and submitted a letter with comments and recommendations to Chairman Critelli.
- Paul Brady, American Council of Engineering Companies of CT asked the Commission about next steps in the process.

Chairman Critelli responded that he and the Governor are discussing a new date for the submission of the Commission's report. The Commission has received an enormous amount of information in its meetings, hearings and work groups and will require additional time to complete its work. The Chairman introduced Mr. Henry McNulty. Mr. McNulty will be assisting the Commission with the preparation of its report to the Governor.

- Larry Jones, Coalition of Independent Contractors commented that there is a monopoly of two taxi companies in the Bridgeport area. He would like to see changes in the structure of taxi service. He stated that he believed the Attorney General's office is investigating his claims.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.