

**UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE
MISCLASSIFICATION TASK FORCE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

9:00am

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Conference Room 73-1

Cranston, RI 02920

In attendance:

Scott Jensen, DLT Director - Chair

Phillip D'Ambra, Tax Administrator representative

**Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director DLT Workforce Regulation and
Safety**

**George Salem Jr, Associate Judge, Workers' Compensation Court
Designee**

**Attorney General or designee; Director of Business Regulation or
designee; and The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
or designee were not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were Matt Weldon, DLT Assistant Director; Sean
Fontes, DLT Executive Legal Counsel; and Sarah Blusiewicz, Senior
Advisor to the Director.**

1.) Welcome / Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:12am by DLT Director and Chair, Scott Jensen.

2.) Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes: A motion was made by George Salem Jr to approve the minutes to the previous meeting (3/4/2015); seconded by Joseph Degnan and passed unanimously.

3.) Sarah Blusiewicz, Senior Advisor to the Director, discussed Collaborative Enforcement Plans involving the Department of Labor and Training and the Division of Taxation from the Department of Revenue. Ms. Blusiewicz advised that a Misclassification Working Group has been established to work more closely on collaborative efforts. The working group is made up of several members of the Department of Labor and Training and the Division of Taxation.

4.) A motion is made by Joseph Degnan for the task force to enter into Executive Session in order to brief the task force on specifics of two ongoing wage/misclassification investigation. George Salem Jr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The task force entered into Executive Session.

The task force entered Executive Session at 9:40am and exited at

9:50am.

5.) Mr. Degnan advised the group, in the open meeting, that the Department's Prevailing Wage Section was conducting two (2) separate investigations where it is believed that there is wide spread wage violations and misclassification of employees as independent contractors. Mr. Degnan estimated that the investigations in these cases would be complete in the next two (2) months.

6.) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.