

## Minutes: NHWSB Public Hearing Workgroup

Date: Monday, April 21, 2025

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Hybrid – Isanti Room at the Department of Labor and Industry and via Webex

### Attendance

Members present	Visitors present	DLI staff members present
Michelle Armstrong	Todd Bergstrom (joined remotely	Linnea Becerra
Maria King (joined remotely at	at 2:36 p.m.)	Paul Enger
2:35 p.m.)	Jeff Bostic (remotely)	Ken McGurran (remotely)
Mary Swanson		Leah Solo

### Agenda items

- 1. Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 2:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was declared.
- 2. Approval of agenda** – a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Michelle Armstrong and seconded by Mary Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – a motion to approve the March 24, 2025, drafted meeting minutes as presented was made by Armstrong and seconded by Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Board updates** –
  - Solo presented the data the Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI's) Communications unit gathered about the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board webpages.
  - Linnea Becerra reported about the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board webpages reorganization and the coming changes to the webpages to align with other boards and councils at DLI.
  - Solo asked board members to share what they would like to ask the public in the next round of public engagement.
  - Armstrong suggested engaging with the public about the certified worker organizations coming out for training.
  - Swanson suggested asking how workers feel about the holiday pay and minimum wages.
  - Maria King asked for advice from the advocates.
  - Todd Bergstrom suggested soliciting input from providers about the implementation of the holiday pay rules.
  - Swanson suggested having hearings in person because feedback from the public seemed to be in favor of doing so. She also suggested visiting more places in southwest Minnesota.

- The workgroup discussed the reasonableness of looking forward to new rules as well as the statutory obligations of the board to conduct a review of the implemented standards.
- The workgroup determined to recommend doing more public forums in the late fall to hear feedback from the public.
- The workgroup decided Solo would write a summary of the ideas discussed, which Solo would share with the workgroup before sending to the board for feedback.
- **New business** –
- **Next meeting** – the next meeting is at 2 p.m., Monday, June 9, in the Washington Room at DLI.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by King to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m. and seconded by Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.