

Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday
January 15, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Bureau of Labor & Industries
800 NE Oregon St. Room 1D
Portland, Oregon

ATTENDANCE	Members present: Joe Correy (co-chair) Robert Westerman (co-chair) Mike Bezner Joseph Bowers Melinda Dailey Klaas DeBoer Bob Hall(Proxy for Nelda Wilson) Steve Malany Willy Myers Val Solorzano Ken Stroup	Members absent: Jodi Guetzloe Parker	Staff present: Lois Johnson Selena Schryvers Gerhard Taeubel Hannah Wood Susan Wooley
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.		
MINUTES	The May 29, 2014 meeting minutes were approved unanimously as written.		
STAFF REPORTS			
REPORTS SUBMITTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Summary of PWR Enforcement Activity</i> for the period 07/01/13 to 12/31/14; - <i>Summary of PWR Education Seminars</i> to date for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 as of 12/31/14; - <i>Current Winter/Spring 2015 PWR Seminar Schedule.</i> 		
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY	Staff reported that in the 2013-2015 biennium, \$1,033,258 in PWR wages have been collected. The PWR Unit's enforcement goal to complete 64% of PWR investigations in less than 91 days was not met. The unit is completing 100% of its requests for coverage determinations within the targeted timeframe. It is currently investigating approximately 41 active complaints.		
PWR SEMINARS	As of 12/31/14, 30 PWR seminars have been held. A total of 441 contractors and public agencies have attended.		
NEW BUSINESS			
TOPIC	Willy Myers reported that he would like the committee to discuss a proposal that various types of shift, premium, and subsistence pay found in master labor agreements be added to the prevailing wage rates for those regions where the union wage rates prevail. After some discussion, members voted to recommend to the Commissioner to have all unions in the construction industry report back with shift differential and/or premium pay data and continue the discussion at the next regularly held committee meeting in April.		
OLD BUSINESS			
TOPIC	The co-chairs opened up the agenda to discuss the issue concerning how much weight ought to be given to a collective bargaining agreement's scope of work when considering revision to the occupational definitions – particularly in cases where multiple scopes of work contain work tasks or activities which overlap with one another. After some discussion, members recommended that the process for requests for revision of occupational definitions remain as is and that additional weight not be given to the collective bargaining agreements.		

PROPOSED LEGISLATION 2015

Staff briefly reported on two bills that would be introduced by sponsors other than BOLI:
LC 1928 applies certain provision of Public Contracting Code to universities with a governing board, or not-for-profit organizations or other entity that universities with a governing board controls. It also applies certain provisions of the Public Contracting Code to agreements between private entities and universities with a governing board to construct, reconstruct, renovate or paint improvements on real property that universities with a governing board owns and to similar agreements between private entities and not-for profit organizations or other entities owned or controlled by universities with a governing board.

LC 2275 changes the definition of public works for purposes of applying prevailing rate of wage to include projects that use funds of a private entity and \$750,000 or more of funds of a public agency for constructing, reconstructing, painting or performing major renovation on roads, highways, buildings, structures or improvements of any type.

NEXT MEETING

Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Date: April 16, 2015

Place: Portland State Office Building, Room 1D, 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.