

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

Monday August 12, 2019

2:00pm

James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street
Suite 9-040
Chicago, Illinois

Robert Oxtoby Board Room
3rd Floor Stratton Building
401 S. Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois

The Property Tax Relief Task Force met for the first time on August 12, 2019.

MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 2:00pm.

AGENDA

I. Welcome/Roll Call

- a. IDOR staff member Sam Salustro called the meeting to order around 2:10pm CT and welcomed members.
- b. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Name	Present
Senator Belt	Yes
Representative Bennett	Yes
Representative Brady	Yes
Representative Bristow	Yes
Representative Burke	No
Senator Bush	No
Representative Butler	Yes
Representative Carroll	Yes
Representative Cassidy	No
Senator Castro	No
Representative Conroy	Yes
Representative Costa Howard	Yes
Representative Crespo	No
Senator Crowe	Yes
Senator T. Cullerton	No
Senator Cunningham	Yes
Representative Davis	Yes
Senator DeWitte	Yes
Representative Didech	Yes
Representative Edly-Allen	Yes
Senator Ellman	Yes
Representative Evans	Yes
Representative Feigenholtz	Yes
Senator Fine	Yes
Representative Flowers	Yes
Representative Ford	Yes

Name	Present
Representative Mason	No
Representative Mayfield	Yes
Representative Mazzochi	Yes
Senator McConchie	No
Representative Meier	Yes
Representative Meyers-Martin	Yes
Miller, Emily	Yes
Mock, Cameron	Yes
Representative Morgan	Yes
Senator Morrison	No
Representative Morrison	No
Representative Moylan	Yes
Senator Murphy	No
Representative Murphy	Yes
Representative Mussman	Yes
Representative Pappas	Yes
Senator Peters	Yes
Representative Ramirez	Yes
Representative Reitz	No
Senator Righter	Yes
Representative Robinson	No
Senator Sims	No
Representative Sosnowski	No
Senator Stadelman	No
Representative Stava-Murray	Yes
Senator Steans	No

Senator Gillespie	Yes
Senator Glowiak Hilton	No
Representative Gong-Gershowitz	Yes
Representative Grant	No
Representative Greenwood	Yes
Senator Harmon	Yes
Senator Harris	Yes
Representative B. Hernandez	No
Senator Holmes	Yes
Senator Hunter	No
Representative Hurley	Yes
Senator Hutchinson	No
Representative Keicher	Yes
Representative Kifowit	Yes
Senator Link	No
Senator Manar	Yes
Senator Martinez	No
Senator Martwick	Yes

Representative Stuart	Yes
Representative Tarver	Yes
Senator Tracy	No
Representative Ugaste	Yes
Representative Unes	No
Representative Villa	Yes
Representative Villanueva	Yes
Senator Villivalam	No
Representative Walker	Yes
Representative Weber	Yes
Representative Wehrli	No
Representative Welter	No
Senator Wilcox	Yes
Representative A. Williams	No
Representative Willis	Yes
Representative Yednock	No
Representative Yingling	Yes
Representative Zalewski	Yes

II. Election of Co-Chairs

- a. IDOR staff member Salustro noted the legislation called for the selection of co-chairs from amongst the members, and that it was silent on how many.
- b. A motion was made by Representative Keicher to select four co-chairs, one from each caucus.
 - i. A brief discussion was held, motion was seconded.
 - ii. A brief recess was held as members worked within their caucus to determine co-chairs.
- c. Upon return, Representative Kifowit presided over the meeting.
- d. Representative Willis moved to amend the motion to have up to two co-chairs per each caucus chamber.
 - i. Motion was seconded by Representative Rita-Mayfield.
 - ii. **Vote – non-unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.**
- e. Each caucus nominated co-chairs, as follows:
 - i. For the House Democrats, Representative Willis nominated, seconded by Representative Tarver:
 1. Representative Flowers
 2. Representative Yingling
 - ii. For the Senate Democrats, Senator Harmon nominated, seconded by Senator Ellman:
 1. Senator Crowe
 2. Senator Harris
 - iii. For the House Republicans, Representative Keicher nominated, seconded by Representative Ugaste:
 1. Representative Mazzochi
 2. Representative Sosnowski
 - iv. For the Senate Republicans, Senator Wilcox nominated, seconded by Senator DeWitte:
 1. Senator DeWitte
 2. Senator Tracy

v. Vote – unanimous voice vote in the affirmative

III. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

- a. Representative Yingling proposed Amendment #1 to the proposed Rules of Procedure to allow co-chairs to create subcommittees. Representative Yingling outlined six possible subcommittees as an example: Assessments and Exemptions; PTELL and Local Governments' Tax Levy; School Funding and School Property Taxes; Local Pensions; Government Consolidation and TIF Districts. The full amendment read:
 - i. "The co-chairs may create subcommittees to evaluate, study, and/or propose policies to the entire Property Tax Relief Task Force. In the event such subcommittees are created, the co-chairs shall appoint subcommittee co-chairs to lead the subcommittees as well as additional sitting members of the parent task force to the subcommittee. The co-chairs may temporarily replace members of a subcommittee if the member is otherwise unavailable. The appointment of a member as a temporary replacement shall remain in effect until (i) the permanent member who was replaced is in attendance at the hearing and has been added to the subcommittee roll, (ii) the co-chairs withdraw the temporary replacement appointment or appoints a different member to serve as the temporary replacement, or (iii) the hearing is adjourned or the authority has expired for a re-convened hearing following a recess of the subcommittee, whichever occurs first. All subcommittees shall follow the meeting protocols as outlined in Section III-Meetings."
 - ii. Representative Flowers asked about a subcommittee on racial and social economic equality. Representative Yingling stated the legislation requires the Task Force to take those issues into consideration already. Representative Yingling clarified that co-chairs could also make their own committees that he did not outline.
- b. Representative Keicher moved that the proposed Rules of Procedure be adopted with Amendment #1.
 - i. Discussion was held by Emily Miller, Representative Mazzochi and Representative Yingling to clarify that caucus co-chairs are responsible for filling vacancies from within their own caucus in proposed subcommittees. Representative Mazzochi outlined changes she wanted in the appointment of a temporary replacement.
 - ii. Further clarification that the proposed amendment would only authorize co-chairs to form the subcommittees, and the vote was not on the example subcommittees.
- c. Senator Wilcox offered a friendly amendment to add language to section VI. Representative Kifowit, serving as parliamentarian, clarified the motion on the floor was to adopt the Rules with Amendment #1. Representative Keicher sought clarification to see if the body would adopt his motion and then adopt other amendments. Representative Yingling said that would require a 3/5ths vote for future amendments once the rules were adopted. Representative Keicher withdrew his motion.

- d. Representative Mazzochi proposed changes to Amendment #1 to read “The co-chairs, for a caucus and chamber, may temporarily replace members of a subcommittee from such caucus and chamber if the member is otherwise unavailable.” Representative Mazzochi added further change to read “The appointment of a member as a temporary replacement must be an existing member of the task force and the temporary replacement shall remain in effect until...”
 - i. During this discussion, Representative Pappas wanted further clarification that they were not voting on the listed subcommittees. She stated she would want to vote on those too. Representative Yingling recommended that members work through their co-chair member. Representative Pappas asked if members could have some input on the subcommittees. Senator Wilcox asked for clarification if a majority of the co-chairs needed to agree on subcommittee formation. Representative Mazzochi and Senator Wilcox outlined language to this effect including allowing the majority of the task force to have a say. Senator Harmon suggested five, not four, co-chairs should be required to form a subcommittee.
- e. Senator Wilcox proposed first line of Amendment #1 to read “The co-chairs (must have five co-chairs) to create a subcommittee to evaluate, study, and/or propose policies to the entire Property Tax Relief Task Force, or the majority of task force members can create a subcommittee [to evaluate...].” Discussion was held between Representatives Mazzochi, Weber, and Yingling about how majority input would work. Discussion was held to postpone vote until all amendments were offered.
- f. Representative Mazzochi spoke about adding Amendment #2 regarding electronic attendance. Emily Miller, Representative Mazzochi and Representative Willis discussed. The language reads: “Members may attend task force meetings by video, if available, or audio conference if the member is prevented from physically attending. The member shall notify the designated IDOR staff (in writing or via email) of their request to attend electronically, no less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting (unless advance notice is impractical). The co-chairs of the task force have discretion to allow electronic attendance for requests with less than 48-hour notice.”
- g. Senator DeWitte proposed amending Section 6.1, regarding Sexual Harassment Training for clarification. After discussion, Senator DeWitte motioned, which was seconded, to defer to Senator Harmon’s proposed language to read “All members of the Property Tax Relief Task Force shall remain in compliance with the mandatory annual Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training, required by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.”
- h. Senate Harmon asked about Section 6.4. Emily Miller believed it was standard language. Senator Harmon suggested striking it and revisiting it if needed. Members believed 6.3 was sufficient to cover what 6.4 proposed. Representative Mazzochi believed the broader language of 6.4 was not addressed in 6.3. Cameron Mock noted the language came from standard task force language and was not written expressly for the Property Tax Relief Task Force, so he could not

answer members' questions about the intent of the section. Representative Tarver also believed 6.5 covered it as well.

- i. Representative Mazzochi requested a separate motion on striking 6.4. Senator Harmon motioned to strike 6.4, seconded by Representative Tarver.
 - ii. **Vote – non-unanimous voice vote in the affirmative. Representatives Ugaste, Carroll, Keicher, and Mazzochi were noted in opposition.**
- i. Senator Wilcox asked for clarification on Section 1.2 pertaining to how language about racial and economic equality lenses would be defined. Emily Miller said the exact language was passed in legislative statute. Representative Yingling suggested revisiting.
 - j. Representative Butler proposed changing 3.4 to require members tell co-chairs about desired agenda items five days before a meeting, replacing a seven day requirement. It shall read “Any member may have an item placed on the agenda by notifying the co-chairs of his or her desires in that regard in writing at least five days prior to the Property Tax Relief Task Force meeting.” Emily Miller and Representative Mazzochi joined the discussion. After discussion Representative Butler suggested changing 3.4 further to require the agenda be distributed to members three days before a meeting. It shall read, “The agenda shall be distributed to the members of the Property Tax Relief Task Force at least three calendar days prior to a scheduled meeting.”
 - k. A motion was made by Senator Martinez to adopt the Rules of Procedure with the previously discussed amendments. Seconded by Representative Tarver.
 - i. **Vote – unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.**

IV. Setting Future Meeting Dates

- a. Representative Yingling suggested co-chairs set future meeting dates.

V. New Business

- a. No new business came before the Board.

VI. Public Comment

- a. No public comment came before the Board.

VII. Adjourn

- a. Representative Yingling made a motion to adjourn and was seconded.
 - i. **Vote – unanimous voice vote in the affirmative.**

MEETING END

Meeting ended approximately 3:45pm.