

Governor’s Task Force on Climate Change

Dec 19, 2019, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Location: American Family Insurance National Headquarters, 6000 American Pkwy, Madison, WI 53783

Access: Live coverage of this meeting was provided by Wisconsin Eye on www.wiseye.org/live, and by state agency staff using Zoom (toll-free phone audio, mobile/computer viewing). Wisconsin Eye produced a recorded version of the opening remarks portion of the meeting, which is available here: <https://wiseye.org/2019/12/19/governors-task-force-on-climate-change/>. Minute markers are provided for the content below.

Members in Attendance: August Ball, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Joe Bragger, Kristofer Canto, Secretary Preston Cole, Stacy Craig (Zoom), Jeffrey Crawford, Secretary Caleb Frostman, Robert Garvin, Paul Graham, Anna Haines, Bill Hogseth, Dylan Jennings, Sheri Johnson, Representative Mike Kuglitsch, Kathleen McGinty, Amber Meyer-Smith, Senator Mark Miller, Representative Greta Neubauer, Rod Palmberg, Mike Peters, Chris Pollack, Jeffrey Rafn, Doug Rebout, Stephanie Salgado, Kerry Schumann, Kirsten Shead, Mark Stoering, Bob Stone, Krystal Westfahl, Dr. Darrell Williams

Agency Staff, Facilitators, Presenters in Attendance: Sue Brown, Raj Kamal, Jonathan Meiman, Colleen Moran, Pamela Porter, Maria Redmond, Noah Roberts, Olivia Shanahan, Dan Vimont, Landon Williams, Wenona Wolf

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Opening Remarks		
1	11:00 – 11:05	Welcome – Lieutenant Governor Barnes
Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes discussed the administration’s priorities of equity and sustainability and the desire for Wisconsin to be a global leader in addressing the impacts of climate change, realizing the economic opportunities in mitigation, and engaging and benefiting all communities in these efforts. As such, he noted the Task Force members were selected to represent diverse professions and backgrounds. (wiseye , 1:02)		
2	11:05 – 11:15	Welcome – American Family Insurance
The American Family Insurance Vice President of Business Workplace Services welcomed the Task Force and discussed a number of their efforts in sustainability and clean energy in Wisconsin. (wiseye , 4:10)		
3	11:15 – 11:20	Plan for the day – Raj Kamal
The facilitator described the activities and expectations for the day. (wiseye , 8:45)		
4	11:20 – 11:50	Task Force Member introductions – Raj Kamal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, organization, community
Members introduced themselves, sharing the organizations and communities they represent. Task Force members were named in press releases following the signing of Executive Order 52. (Press Releases: October 17, 2019 ; October 24, 2019) (wiseye , 10:00)		
5	11:50 – 12:10	Overview of the Task Force’s charge and meeting goals – Lieutenant Governor Barnes
Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes provided an overview of the content of Executive Order # 38 Relating to Clean Energy and Executive Order #52 Relating to Climate Change in Wisconsin. Executive Order #52 directs the members of the Task Force on Climate Change to advise and assist the Governor in developing a strategy to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change for the benefit of all Wisconsin communities. (wiseye , 17:05)		

12:10 – 12:45 – Lunch break		
6	12:45 – 1:45	WICCI Presentation – Global and Wisconsin impacts and adaptation
Dan Vimont, Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts and Director of the Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research provided global climate change data, impacts of climate change in Wisconsin, and some considerations for identifying solutions. This presentation provided context and established a channel for seeking additional data to better inform the efforts of the Task Force members. (wiseeye , 21:50)		
7	1:45 – 2:45	Environmental justice presentation, questions
August Ball, founder and CEO of Cream City Conservation, provided definitions and examples of environmental racism, geographic, procedural, and occupational/social inequities, and environmental justice. This presentation provided Wisconsin-specific data and examples of environmental racism and provided additional resources for members of the Task Force to use in order to apply the principle of environmental justice to every aspect of its work, from stakeholder engagement to report development. (wiseeye , 1:38:35)		
2:45 – 3:00 – Break		
8	3:00 – 3:05	Explain the next task – Raj Kamal
The facilitator described the three-part brainstorming activity. Part 1: Individual “Think Time”; Part 2: Table Group Discussion; Part 3: Task Force Sharing.		
9	3:05 – 4:35	Brainstorming and discussion
The Task Force members participated in a three-part brainstorming activity and discussion to identify environmental, economic, and social impacts of climate change as well as potential solutions. In Part 1, Task Force members and members of the public were provided sticky notes to capture impacts and solutions at the forefront of their work or communities. (wiseeye , 20:00. The agenda was adjusted for extra time and Part 1 was conducted at 11:20 am.) In Part 2, Task Force members discussed their top 3-5 impacts in small groups. In Part 3, a spokesperson from each small group reported to the full Task Force.		
10	4:35 – 4:50	Task Force Member Q&A, clarification
Task Force members discussed procedures and materials, meeting formats, and next steps for developing the report.		
11	4:50 – 5:00	Closing remarks, next steps
Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes provided closing remarks and thanks to the participants.		

Reference Material & Presentation Content

- [Executive Order #52](#)
- [Executive Order # 38](#)