

Prevailing Commission Meeting – September 17, 2024

Summary of the Transcript

The Prevailing Wage Commission meeting for the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development took place on September 17, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dewayne Scott, and a roll call confirmed the presence of all members, establishing a quorum. The agenda was adopted, and the transcript from the March 26, 2024, meeting was approved.

- Key discussions included the review and approval of the 2024 Prevailing Wage Survey Letter and form.
- Tom Herrod highlighted the need to exclude wages of apprentices and trainees from the survey to avoid skewing data.
- The survey will be sent to 273 contractors and subcontractors, primarily via email, with follow-ups to ensure responses.
- There was a significant discussion about ensuring that data from local and county projects, not just TDOT projects, are included in the survey.
- Suggestions were made to modify the cover letter to clarify that data from state and federally funded highway or bridge projects should be submitted.
- It was also proposed to send a blank form to all contractors to capture additional relevant data.
- The next meetings were scheduled for November 14, 2024, to review survey data and propose rates, and November 26, 2024, for the final review and approval of the 2025 rate changes.
- The meeting was adjourned after confirming these dates.