



# Frontline Worker Pay Working Group

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Remote via Zoom

12:00 PM

### **Members Present**

Representative Ryan Winkler, Chair

Representative Cedrick Frazier

Representative Anne Neu Brindley

Senator Karin Housley, Vice Chair

Senator Mary Kiffmeyer

Senator Erin Murphy

Commissioner Robert Doty

Commissioner Steve Grove

Commissioner Roslyn Robertson

Representative Winkler called the remote meeting of the Frontline Worker Pay Working Group to order at 12:08 PM

A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

Representative Frazier moved to approve the Minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **Consideration of Eligibility Criteria**

Working Group members shared their lists of possible eligibility criteria for distributing the \$250,000,000 in financial support to frontline workers.

### **Presentation from the Department of Labor and Industry**

Commissioner Robertson provided a presentation on Minnesota's workers' compensation COVID-19 claims.

Nicole Blissenbach, Deputy Commissioner, presented on Minnesota OSHA compliance data and Minnesota Department of Health data.

**Public Testimony**

The following people provided public testimony:

Rena Wong, Organizing Director, UFCW Local 663  
Nancy Carabantes, Worker at JBS, UFCW Local 663  
Cecilia Ramos, Worker at JBS, UFCW Local 663  
Yolanda Martinez, Worker at JBS, UFCW Local 663  
Daniel Haney, Worker at Swanson Meats UFCW Local 663  
Rena Brackey, Worker at Hormel, UFCW Local 9  
Claudia Ambriz, Worker at Quality Pork, UFCW Local 9  
Janet Nelson, ESP, St. Paul Public Schools  
Tim Mauer, Director Services & Recreation, White Bear Lake Area Public Schools  
Alba Escobar, Food Service, ROC-MN  
Waleed Sonbol, Blue and White Taxi  
Sarah Derr, Executive Director, Minnesota Pharmacy Association  
Victoria Johnson, Human Services Technician, Minneapolis Veterans Home  
Chris Ellis, Dietary Aide, Good Samaritan Home  
Kris Marti, Window Cleaner, SEIU Local 26  
Jim Gleb, Secretary Treasurer, UFCW Local 1189  
Ryan Ellison, Grocery Worker, UFCW Local 1189  
Alicia Hernandez, Pilgrim Pride

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.