



New York State Department of Labor Hazard Abatement Board Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A quarterly meeting of the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) was held on April 17, 2025, at the NYSDOL offices in Albany, Syracuse, and New York City. The meeting was called to order at 3:21 PM and was presided over by HAB Acting Chair Ann Marie Taliercio.

Attendees

Members in Attendance (location):

- Acting Chair Ann Marie Taliercio (Syracuse)
- Franklin Mirer (NYC)
- Michael Demars (Albany)

Announcements

1. **Welcome and Introductions** –Acting Chair Taliercio welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked members for their continued dedication to the Board. She announced the meeting is being live streamed and there will be no public testimony during the meeting.
2. **Members** – Members around the room and via videoconference site introduced themselves, which established quorum.

Motions

1. HAB Meeting Minutes Voting:

- a. April Meeting Minutes – Board Member Mirer moved to accept the meeting minutes as final, and Board Member Demars seconded. There was no discussion, and all members voted in favor.



New Business

1. Status Report and Update on the 2025-2026 Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education (OSH T&E) Request for Proposals (RFP) – Secretary Beth Geleta provided the update. Key points included:

- a. The 2025-2026 OSH T&E RFP was released on December 23, 2024, with all proposals due on February 14, 2025.
- b. For this RFP, the HAB, in partnership with NYSDOL made \$5.9 million in funding available.
- c. Bidders submitted a complete proposal, including all required attachments, via the Statewide Financial System, so that NYSDOL could conduct a full and proper evaluation.
- d. In this evaluation, NYSDOL staff make an initial eligibility determination on each proposal received. Proposals that do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements are disqualified. Proposals deemed eligible move forward for additional consideration, and are scored based on further review and evaluation of the Program Design, Work Plan, and Program Cost described in the Evaluation Criteria of the RFP.
- e. Currently all proposals are in the final phase of NYSDOL's review, the Cost review, as described in the Program Cost section of the RFP.
- f. Following this review, there is a final NYSDOL score comprised of the combined Technical score (Program Design and Work Plan) and the Cost score.
- g. When NYSDOL's reviews are completed, award recommendations are made to the HAB.
- h. The HAB then conducts their own proposal reviews. Items the HAB considers when scoring include, but are not limited to, prior performance, high risk industries, lack of availability of training without the grant funding, and the completeness of the proposal.
- i. It is anticipated the awards meeting will be held in June, to award both OSH T&E and Capital Abatement Project (CAP) funding. To provide some background on CAP, entities that have been issued a violation by the Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) Bureau can apply for funding to offset the costs of resolving the violation. If awarded, the entity could be reimbursed for up to 75% of the covered cost.

2. Executive Session – Acting Chair Taliercio moved to enter Executive session to discuss specific details regarding the OSH T&E proposals received. The motion was seconded by Board Member Demars and the vote passed.

Once complete, Acting Chair Taliercio moved to end the Executive session, which was seconded and the vote passed.

3. Closing Statements – Upon return to the public meeting, Acting Chair Taliercio asked if there were any additional thoughts or questions. There was one question asked by an attendee in NYC regarding the changes happening with the federal government and potential policy changes that may need to be made. NYSDOL Supervising Counsel Deirdre Quain stated that while NYSDOL is



monitoring federal activity, the focus is on the open RFP , which was funded by last year’s state budget.”

Acting Chair Taliercio stated the next meeting will be held on June 10, 2025, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm at the same Albany, Syracuse, and NYC locations.

Adjournment

Board Member Demars motioned to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Board Member Mirer at 4:15 PM.