

In The Matter Of:
Music Entertainment
Pyrotechnics Task Force Meeting

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2 September 14th, 2010
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7 The Report of Proceedings had in the
8 meeting of the above-entitled cause, taken before PAMELA A.
9 MARZULLO, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public
10 in and for the County of Cook and State of Illinois, at
11 9511 West Harrison Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, on
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1 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: We'll call the meeting to
2 order at 10:20. We'll start with the introductions.
3 I'm Dan McMullin, Safety Compliance
4 Manager, with the Office of State Fire Marshal of
5 Illinois.
6 MR. RIORDAN: Dan Riordan, Tinley Park Fire
7 Prevention Bureau Senior Fire Inspector.
8 MR. GREGA: Mark Grega, Strictly FX, Elk Grove
9 Village.
10 MR. PANTHER: Brian Panther, President of
11 Hi-Tech FX.
12 MR. KAY: I'm Kent Kay. I'm a pyrotechnic
13 operator.
14 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: I'll turn it over to Alec.
15 He'll go over the ground rules, and what we're going
16 to do here.
17 MR. MESSINA: Thanks, Dan. I've introduced
18 myself already. Again, I am Alec Messina. I am a
19 the Acting General Counsel for the State Fire
20 Marshal's Office.
21 Dan had asked me to put together an agenda
22 and walk you through a few things, so the Task Force
23 can really kind of figure out how we want to get to
24 the end of the road here.

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1 PRESENT:
2 TASK FORCE
3 MR. DANIEL T. McMULLIN, Chairman
4 MR. MARK J. GREGA, Member
5 MR. BRIAN PANTHER, Member
6 MR. KENT KAY, Member
7 MR. DANIEL RIORDAN, Member
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9 OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
10 MR. TED BERGER, Chief of Staff
11 ALSO PRESENT:
12 MR. ALEC MASSINA, Acting General Counsel
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1 I'm sure you are all aware that the report
2 to the House Representative is due January 1, which
3 will come quicker than I'm sure all of us would
4 like.
5 So, I think there are a few things here on
6 the agenda that I want to run through, and then
7 maybe we could spend some time talking about how we
8 get to that end point.
9 And then ultimately, the Task Force can
10 decide whether that makes sense; or if you want to
11 take a different approach, and we'll figure that
12 out, too.
13 I've already gone through the first couple
14 of points here on the agenda. The third one is just
15 the new business. I believe Dan forwarded some
16 documents to you via E-mail. The first item on the
17 agenda is just a brief overview of the Open Meetings
18 Act.
19 I don't want to get into too much detail.
20 I don't think we need to really concern ourselves
21 with much of it. If you are interested, one of the
22 documents I had Dan forward is kind of an Open
23 Meetings Act guide that's put together by the
24 Attorney General's Office.

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1 It is really well done, and it not only
2 talks about the statute, and breaks it down into
3 pretty straightforward language, but it also gives
4 you examples as well. So, if you do want to follow
5 up and look at it in greater detail, you've got that
6 option.
7 Really, the only thing that I wanted to
8 alert everyone here today is to the fact that these
9 are open meetings and the public is invited. One of
10 the things we need to be mindful of is that any time
11 there is, and the phrase is majority of a quorum of
12 a public body, then it's a open meeting.
13 I'm sorry, any time there is a majority of
14 a quorum, and you are discussing public business,
15 which would be here the Music Entertainment
16 Pyrotechnic Task Force stuff, then the Fire
17 Marshal's office has to go through notice, and all
18 that other stuff that we did for the meeting today,
19 and we will do it for all the future meetings that
20 we hold.
21 So, a majority of a quorum, a majority of
22 five is three. The quorum is -- it would be two,
23 two people. Sorry, it is the other way around. Any
24 time two people are talking about the business of

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1 this Task Force, then really the Open Meetings Act
2 applies.
3 So, if you have occasion outside of these
4 meetings to do that, just be mindful of the fact if
5 it turns to this subject, then it's really a no-no.
6 We got to just be mindful of that.
7 The only other thing I'll mention, as far
8 as the Open Meetings Act goes, this is really for
9 your information, it is really more work for the
10 State Fire Marshal office, Dan, myself, since we're
11 tasked with staffing of the Task Force, and that is,
12 you know, all the notice provisions of the act
13 apply.
14 So, you know, we're going to publish
15 notice in advance of these meetings. There will be
16 a sign on the door 48 hours before the meetings. We
17 actually have a website that I'll get to you.
18 The website -- you can find on it the
19 State Fire Marshal's Office website; and right now,
20 it is just a very -- it's about two sentences.
21 Again, being a lawyer, it is probably about three
22 times too long than it needs to, but it's there, and
23 it has a copy of the agenda on there.
24 And what I'll think we'll do, after we're

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1 done today, we'll probably adjust that so we list
2 out the other meeting dates that we've selected, or
3 that you have selected, that is. You know, as we
4 move forward, we'll put, you know, meeting minutes
5 can go on there, agendas can go on there. That will
6 just kind of be our repository of information.
7 The second item under new business is the
8 discussion of the Task Force authority, and I just
9 wanted to spend a few moments going over this,
10 because I think that if we can all agree what our
11 job is here, then we can really use that to schedule
12 our future meetings, and it would give us kind of a
13 good guidepost for getting done with what we're
14 supposed to do.
15 Obviously the last half of it is all about
16 the Task Force. We don't need to go through that,
17 but if you look at Section 97 of the Pyrotechnic
18 Distributor and Operator Licensing Act, which you
19 should all have a copy, I forwarded it out, I have
20 extra copies if you need them, but it says "That
21 it's established for the purposes of studying the
22 provision of pyrotechnic displays and pyrotechnic
23 services in the indoor and outdoor music
24 entertainment industry in Illinois, reviewing

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1 present recommendations solely related to," and to
2 me that is where you have to pay particular
3 attention, "related to who can provide pyrotechnic
4 displays and pyrotechnic services for the music
5 entertainment industry, studying appropriate
6 insurance policies for providing pyrotechnic
7 displays and pyrotechnic services, and recommending
8 any other changes that may be necessary to the act."
9 So, in my mind, and I suggest to the
10 Members of the Task Force, those are really the
11 three areas that we're supposed to look at, and then
12 obviously we have to prepare a report and submit it
13 to the House of Representative by January 1.
14 I've been doing all the talking up to this
15 point. That really wasn't my intent, but if there's
16 any discussion, or any concerns with kind of what
17 I've laid out there, in terms of what our, for lack
18 of a better word, what our mandate is, what our
19 homework assignment is, is to look at those three
20 items that I've just kind of listed out.
21 I don't know if you guys want to discuss
22 that all. If we're in agreement, that is really
23 those are the three things, and we're all
24 comfortable with that, then we can kind of talk

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1 about I can present to you some of my suggestions
2 for how, you know, given those three things that we
3 have to work through, how we can discuss those, you
4 know, accept public comment and prepare the report
5 and all that other stuff.
6 Does anybody have any concerns or
7 questions, or think that are other things we should
8 be talking about other than that?
9 MR. GREGA: No, I think that pretty much covers
10 it.
11 MR. PANTHER: No.
12 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Are you good, Kent?
13 MR. KAY: Yes.
14 MR. PANTHER: So far so good.
15 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: So, since we're all in
16 agreement there, I think we need to talk about two
17 things: One is a schedule for talking through all
18 these issues and preparing a report; and then after
19 we get through that, I think it might be helpful to
20 all of us if we spend a little bit of time talking
21 about what to expect at these future meetings.
22 This is a kickoff meeting. It is really
23 just to get to know everybody and set out a plan. I
24 think it might be helpful, I don't know how many of

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1 you guys have been involved in other commissions or
2 Task Force, whether it is state or municipal or
3 whatever, and they are all a little different, I
4 think we all kind of have in our mind how we think
5 things are going to go, then I think we are all the
6 better for it, and we're all on the same page.
7 My thoughts, in terms of meetings,
8 obviously this is the initial, I think it would be
9 helpful, just for organizational purposes, if we had
10 one meeting for each one of these three subjects.
11 What we do is obviously the Board Members
12 could discuss, could present, I hate to use the word
13 testimony, but that's a term we are all familiar
14 with, so you can comment or you can provide your
15 opinions.
16 If you want to bring experts in the field,
17 I guess, who are familiar with one of these three
18 topics, then that would be great. You could have
19 them come in, and what we would do is we put them on
20 the agenda, so they would have time to address the
21 Task Force.
22 So, what we would do is we would schedule
23 these up today, put the dates on the website and
24 allow the Task Force Members to do whatever they

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1 want, in terms of, "Hey, I'm good. I'm just going
2 to show up and listen to what everyone has to say,"
3 or if you want to bring someone to talk about
4 something, you have that time to plan.
5 I kind of jumped around a little bit here.
6 So, there will be three meetings, one for each
7 topic. I think then what we'll do is we'll have a
8 fourth meeting.
9 I'm suggesting we have a fourth meeting,
10 where the Board Members could -- these are
11 recommendations that are going to the House. So,
12 the Board Members could say, "I think we should make
13 a recommendation that says X, and this is why." And
14 then the Task Force Members would vote "yes" or "no,
15 I agree that recommendation, I don't." And we would
16 do that in the fourth meeting.
17 And then we would have a final and fifth
18 meeting, where in between that fourth and fifth
19 meeting, that's going to be a great deal of work for
20 the State Fire Marshal Office.
21 Fortunately we have the assistance of a
22 court reporter that will help us out a great deal,
23 but I think what would be easiest for everybody is
24 if we put together the body -- a report, a draft

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1 report for you to consider, which would be fairly
2 straightforward, lay out an introduction of what our
3 jobs were, how often we met.
4 We obviously try, to the best of our
5 ability, to summarize what was presented at those
6 meetings, and we'll have the benefit of pretty darn
7 good minutes.
8 And then with the conclusion of
9 "Furthermore, these are the recommendations, and
10 this is how the panel voted," you know, 3-1 -- I'm
11 sorry, 3-2, 4-1, 5-0, whatever the case is, we'll
12 lay it all out there.
13 We'll send that out to everybody so they
14 have some time to look at that time make sure they
15 are comfortable that it was fair, and, you know,
16 there weren't any biases, because obviously we don't
17 want that to be the case. We want to present
18 exactly what we discussed and what the Task Force
19 Members decided.
20 So, that fifth meeting will be to
21 basically maybe Dan will say, "You know, I just
22 caught five typos that I made," which is actually
23 probably pretty likely, and we'll go through and
24 hopefully catch all those changes that you would

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1 like.
2 If you think that we didn't present
3 something fairly enough, we'll talk about that and
4 get it fixed; and then we'll vote on it and be done.
5 So, that's a lot of meetings there. That
6 is five meetings after today; and again, we have
7 three-and-a-half months to do the work. We got a
8 lot to do. It is definitely doable. This is my
9 suggestion how we lay it out, in terms of
10 organization, to try to make it at least a little
11 bit manageable.
12 Are there any other thoughts? This is not
13 the only way to deal it, just a single one. Are
14 there any other preferences or thoughts or anything
15 like that?
16 MR. PANTHER: It sounds like a logical approach
17 to start. See how it goes and go from there. Some
18 things might go faster, some things might take
19 longer.
20 MR. MESSINA: Absolutely. Okay. Well, then,
21 why don't we, you know, why don't we start talking
22 about some dates for those meetings, and we can set
23 those now. If now is not a good time, we could
24 also --

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1 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: I think if we get like a
2 general area within this week or a couple days of
3 that week, to see if I can get a room here, or if we
4 have to move somewhere else.
5 MR. GREGA: And then just the order, because I
6 mean I strongly believe that this Task Force, once
7 we work out I think the biggest issue here is who is
8 going to provide pyrotechnic displays, as well as
9 pyrotechnic service, I think that certainly is going
10 to take the longest to deal with; and then after
11 that, obviously the insurance issues, which would be
12 based then upon the previous meeting.
13 And then the last thing obviously would be
14 the recommendation of changes. I think that would
15 be the order we should approach this. Obviously the
16 most delicate, and the one that is going to cause
17 the most discussion, is going to be who can provide.
18 That should be the first meeting.
19 MR. MESSINA: Okay.
20 MR. GREGA: That should obviously be scheduled
21 soon, because that is going to be just as when we
22 first created the rules with the State Fire Marshal,
23 that took the longest amount of time, and this will
24 take the longest amount of time with this as well.

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1 MR. MESSINA: Okay. All right. Sometimes it's
2 easiest thinking through not so much exact dates,
3 but maybe the best way to describe it is kind of
4 like target dates, so you guys can look at it and
5 see if that makes sense. If we were to do --
6 MR. GREGA: And given the fact that December
7 really isn't a full month with 31 days because of
8 the holidays contained within it.
9 MR. MESSINA: Oh, yeah.
10 MR. GREGA: The sooner the better.
11 MR. MESSINA: Right.
12 MR. GREGA: This will be the largest part.
13 MR. PANTHER: It's a very business month.
14 MR. MESSINA: I was kind of running through
15 some general stuff. It is pretty quick to see how
16 December 15th rolls around.
17 So what if, again, these are just targets,
18 these are not actual dates, but if we were to
19 tentatively look at two weeks from tomorrow would be
20 September 29th.
21 MR. PANTHER: What day of the week is that?
22 MR. MESSINA: These are all Wednesdays I'm
23 going to give you. And then two weeks from that is
24 October 13th. Two weeks from that is October 27th.

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1 So, we're at the end of the month, and we've now
2 covered three topic areas, if you will.
3 Then we could have that fourth meeting
4 where that would be the voting. That would
5 tentatively be November 10th, and then we would have
6 a month -- we will really have about three weeks to
7 draft it, about a month to draft, I'm sorry.
8 We would have a month to draft, maybe a
9 little less, get it out to you the beginning of
10 December for your review.
11 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Get out by the 6th.
12 MR. MESSINA: Yes.
13 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: The 6th of December we'll
14 get it out by.
15 MR. MESSINA: I'm glad you're volunteering,
16 Dan, since you are doing all the grunt work.
17 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: And meet on the 15th?
18 MR. MESSINA: Yeah, the 15th is another
19 Wednesday. So, again, these are just loose
20 suggestions, subject to your availability, subject
21 to the availability of the folks that you may or may
22 not want to -- you may want to bring to these
23 meetings, I don't know.
24 I'm just trying to, since I have no idea

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1 what's going to happen at these meetings, other than
2 just a loose general idea how we'll try and work
3 them, I don't know, you know.
4 MR. KAY: The final date, you're talking about
5 December 6th for a final draft?
6 MR. MESSINA: The Fire Marshal will send the
7 Task Force Members a final draft by December 6th.
8 MR. KAY: And then the meeting you were talking
9 about the 15th, correct?
10 MR. MESSINA: Yes. You know, frankly, we may
11 want to give you more time than that, because you're
12 going to want to read it. I'm probably the only one
13 here who signs stuff without reading it.
14 MR. PANTHER: The closer we get to the end of
15 December, it's stupid busy for everybody.
16 MR. MESSINA: Right. So, maybe what we'll do,
17 we'll do the vote on November 10th, and get it out
18 November 30th, and then we meet December 8th.
19 Again, that gives you a week, including a full
20 weekend, to review the report, if that is what you
21 want to do.
22 Let me read those dates again to you, to
23 make sure you got them down. Then if you are
24 comfortable saying "yes" right now, that might be

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1 easiest just so that way we all have something that
2 we're working with. If you want to take it back and
3 get back to Dan, obviously, you know, that's fine,
4 too.
5 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Why don't we take it back,
6 everyone check their schedules, make sure, and
7 then --
8 MR. MESSINA: And then each individually just
9 send Dan an E-mail that says "This works." Then
10 we'll go from there. That is probably the best way
11 for us to do it.
12 Again, this may seem a little bizarre.
13 You know, obviously I think it's easier for us to
14 just send them individually to Dan, because we got
15 that old discussion thing and open meeting
16 requirements, and all that other stuff.
17 Again, let me read the dates to you and
18 the tentative subject matter. So, we got
19 September 29th to discuss who can provide the
20 displays and services. October 13th for studying
21 appropriate insurance policies. October 27th for
22 recommending any other changes. November 10th for
23 considering recommendations, and we will get out the
24 report by the end of November with a mind towards

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1 having our final meeting on December 8th to ratify
2 or approve the report and make changes, too.
3 You know, you'll have time to look at
4 that. Hopefully, you won't just have some modest
5 stuff that needs to be fixed, since my goal is to
6 really do -- this is going to sound like a joke.
7 My goal is to do as little work as
8 possible, and that is using the minutes as the basis
9 for what we put in the report, because that will be
10 the clearest most straightforward stuff, and
11 something I think we will all agree on, as long as
12 I'm doing a decent job making sure that your words
13 are accurately, you know, stated.
14 MR. RIORDAN: Looking at that October 13th
15 date, I'm actually gone all week. Can we do the
16 week before or week after?
17 MR. MESSINA: Sure, of course. Well, maybe we
18 should move that to -- we could actually just move
19 everything back after that just one week, so we do
20 it October 20th, which would probably be helpful,
21 given the fact that is another one of the big items.
22 That gives everybody plenty of time to
23 prepare. So, if we had one October 20th, then the
24 next one will be --

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1 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: I think the 27th.
2 MR. MESSINA: We can move that.
3 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: I'm out, I believe.
4 MR. MESSINA: October 27th, that's good,
5 because I'm suggesting to move that to November 3rd.
6 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Okay.
7 MR. MESSINA: Then again, we'll have another
8 meeting two weeks after that, so that is now
9 November 17th. We'll take an extra week to write
10 it. So, now it is like December 7th.
11 Now we're back to December 15th. So, let
12 me read those again, so we're all clear. I'm sorry,
13 Kent?
14 MR. KAY: How do you guys feel about after we
15 finish the insurance meeting on the 20th, couldn't
16 we just take that week for recommended changes?
17 Do we need a full two-week lag to get the
18 recommended changes, because then that gives Dan
19 more writing time. I'm concerned about --
20 MR. MESSINA: You're the only one at the Fire
21 Marshal's Office who is, I can assure.
22 MR. KAY: Really?
23 MR. MESSINA: Yes.
24 MR. KAY: Okay.

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1 MR. MESSINA: You're out that week, right?
2 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Yes, the week of the 27th
3 I'm out, which is another reason.
4 MR. KAY: Fine.
5 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Kent, once I bring it back
6 to the office, they can type it out and send it out
7 without me being there.
8 MR. MESSINA: That third meeting, Dan, that
9 November 3rd meeting, is to discuss other changes.
10 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: All right.
11 MR. MESSINA: I don't have the full body of the
12 act in front of me, but let's say people feel there
13 are certain definitions that need to be put in
14 there, because we applied the law in such a way that
15 we need definitions, that we, the Fire Marshal's
16 Office, has applied the law in such a way that we
17 need definitions, that would be a subject for that
18 meeting.
19 Who knows, it could be really short. You
20 know, frankly, maybe I'll make this suggestion, too,
21 because I think Kent has hit on an idea that we
22 possibly -- you all should think about.
23 Look, we tentatively have this meeting set
24 for November 3rd to talk about other changes. If

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1 the Task Force Members aren't going to bring any
2 other changes, there is no need to have a meeting.
3 So, maybe that is another -- maybe that's one of the
4 items that we'll put on the agenda on September 29th
5 or October 20th.
6 You guys can decide what you would like to
7 do it, but we can say, "Hey, are there any Board
8 Members who feel that they have specific changes
9 that they would like to discuss, outside of these
10 first two?"
11 And if there are, hey, then we go ahead
12 with that November 3rd meeting, you know.
13 MR. PANTHER: Likewise, what happens if, for
14 instance, we decide we want to talk about the
15 insurance on the second meeting, and that ends up
16 being quick, do we have the opportunity to move onto
17 the next topic, or do we have to post that in
18 advance that that topic is going to be discussed?
19 MR. MESSINA: We do have to post, but we can
20 add it to the agenda, so that way we have that
21 ability just in case.
22 MR. PANTHER: I think it might be wise, because
23 some things may move more fluidly than others.
24 MR. MESSINA: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Right.
2 MR. MESSINA: We can absolutely -- we'll put it
3 on the agenda. We'll put it on the agenda.
4 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: If it gets to that point
5 where we can do it, we'll do it, if everyone is in
6 agreement.
7 MR. KAY: So, the fourth meeting would be
8 November 17th?
9 MR. MESSINA: Yes. I'll go through this one
10 more time hopefully not to beat it to death, just so
11 we're all clear.
12 MR. KAY: That pushes us to December 15th for
13 final?
14 MR. MESSINA: Yes, sir.
15 MR. KAY: Okay.
16 MR. MESSINA: Here is what I will put on the
17 agendas that we prepared: September 29th we'll
18 start off with the discussion of whether we think
19 there needs to be a third meeting for other changes.
20 The Board Members could say, "Look, I know I'm not
21 going to have anything," or you can say, "I need
22 more time to think about it."
23 That's fine. It is just for the purpose
24 of, hey, if we know right up front there is nothing

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1 there, then we'll just toss it; but again, no final
2 decision is necessary there.
3 October 20th would be the talk about the
4 topic two of insurance policy; and if that runs
5 short, I will also put on the agenda other changes.
6 That also depends on what we discuss at that first
7 meeting, you know, "Hey, we still need more time."
8 If we still need more time, I will
9 probably not put it on the second agenda, because
10 people want some time to mull things over. We're
11 going to send out an agenda in advance. I don't
12 want to blindside anybody.
13 Then we will have that November 3rd
14 meeting, which we could discuss other changes, but
15 we may end up tossing if we decide. November 17th
16 is to vote on recommendations, draft report to the
17 Task Force Members by December 7th, and the final
18 meeting December 15th.
19 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Everyone in agreement, so I
20 can book a room?
21 MR. PANTHER: Sure, yes.
22 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: If something comes up,
23 we'll work it out.
24 MR. PANTHER: Do we have the ability to do a

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1 teleconference, if for some reason that comes down
2 to a problem?
3 MR. MESSINA: That's interesting. That is
4 actually something I was just looking at. Let me
5 take a quick look at that after the meeting.
6 You know, there's language in the Open
7 Meetings Act that says if you have a majority of the
8 Task Force physically present, certain people can
9 call in, but here is where it gets ridiculous:
10 First of all, there are only certain reasons you can
11 call in; and two, it's almost like you need a
12 doctor's note. It is not that ridiculous, but it is
13 close.
14 And then the other issue is there's some
15 flexibility there, depending upon whether the Task
16 Force makes binding recommendations, which, you
17 know, they are just recommendations. The House can
18 do whatever they want with them.
19 So, I want to look at that, just to see if
20 it even applies, and I don't have the specific
21 language in front of me. I will let everyone know.
22 MR. PANTHER: This far in advance, I think it's
23 easy to schedule things.
24 MR. MESSINA: Things happen, we all understand

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1 that. People don't expect to get phone calls at
2 5:00 o'clock this morning or 4:30, whenever it was,
3 things happening.
4 So, those are the dates. We'll put those
5 on the website. Look, if we cancel and reschedule,
6 that's doable. We just need do it with a few days
7 of advance notice, and that's very doable. So, no
8 one should be terribly concerned if something comes
9 up. We can make it work.
10 That just leaves me to really the last
11 item that I wanted to talk about. I'm suspecting
12 since there are only two members of the public, we
13 probably won't have any public comment today, we
14 may.
15 For those of you who haven't participated
16 in a lot of these, it's just kind of my general
17 thoughts how I think a meeting will go. These are
18 public meetings. We just put it on the website, and
19 so who knows how many people show up at these next
20 meetings. I have no idea.
21 It could just be a handful of people, it
22 could just be the same folks in this room right now,
23 but what we'll do is -- we're going to send out an
24 agenda to everybody in advance of each meeting. It

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1 is going to list the topic.
2 What I would like for you guys to do, to
3 help us out, and help each other out, is if you know
4 that you are going to bring someone, and you would
5 like to give them time to address the Task Force,
6 let us know before we get the agenda. We'll put it
7 on there, and we'll make sure that person has
8 whatever time he or she needs to say what he or she
9 has to say.
10 That's also helpful not only so that
11 everyone here can at least prepare or have, you
12 know, an idea of what's going to happen, but then
13 also if we have a meeting that has 8,000 speakers,
14 we also have to give the public an opportunity to
15 comment as well.
16 You know, I've been to meetings where you
17 give each individual commenter two minutes, because
18 there is 1,000 people in a room. That is not going
19 to be the case here, I don't think. I hope not.
20 Maybe give them five minutes. If we can
21 all kind of, you know, "Hey, guys, we're going to
22 talk about who can provide displays and services.
23 If you are going to bring people with you, can you
24 let us know maybe a week before the meeting?" Maybe

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1 that's what we'll say, a week.
2 So, that way we'll put the names on the
3 agenda. They have a guaranteed spot to discuss, and
4 then we'll send that agenda out to all the Task
5 Force Members, so no one is really surprised.
6 Let me be clear, if you want to bring
7 somebody, and you don't give me the name a week
8 before, they will still be able to talk. It is a
9 public meeting. We just want to make sure that, you
10 know, people have enough time, and I think that is
11 helpful.
12 So, what we'll do is at these meetings,
13 we'll start off by doing the introductions, you
14 know. The court reporter will make sure everyone
15 here is recorded, and then we'll identify the topic
16 of the meeting; and then whoever wants to speak, can
17 speak.
18 And then after we go through that, then
19 we'll allow for the public commenters to come in.
20 We'll ask them to identify themselves, so we have a
21 complete record, and that's essentially it. I mean,
22 these first three meetings, two or three meetings,
23 is really just for you guys to gather information.
24 I know I need to be educated, to the extent that you

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1 do, it is an opportunity for you as well.
2 I suspect they will just be listening a
3 lot in these first three meetings, and just
4 gathering stuff and giving the various sides an
5 opportunity to weigh in.
6 When we hit that fourth meeting, when we
7 are actually making recommendations, a Task Force
8 Member will make a recommendation. There can be
9 discussion, "I don't like it, I do, this is why. I
10 don't like it, this is why not."
11 Likewise, if someone from the public would
12 like to weigh in on that particular one, we give
13 them an opportunity as well; and then after we close
14 the public comment on that one, then we motion for a
15 vote, second, we vote, and we record it.
16 Sounds simple, but it doesn't always work
17 that way. Do you guys have any questions or
18 concerns, before we open it up to the public comment
19 period to the two people in the audience that aren't
20 directly affiliated with this Task Force?
21 Dan, are you ready for the public comment?
22 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Yes.
23 MR. MESSINA: Anyone out there in the audience
24 have anything that they would like to add?

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1 MR. MUZZY: My name is Taylor Muzzy, M-u-z-z-y.
2 I wanted to clarify with respect to what you were
3 talking about, in terms of making motions and
4 voting.
5 Was the intent to vote on all the issues
6 on the fourth meeting, or at the end of the
7 individual three meetings?
8 MR. MESSINA: What I think, and my suggestion
9 would be, that any Task Force Member can make any
10 recommendation that he or she wants to make, as to
11 any of the topics that occurred at the last three
12 meetings, you know.
13 So, all of it is fair game. The one
14 downside to that you will have talked about
15 something on September 29th, now we're coming back
16 on November 17th, but you'll have the minutes.
17 You'll be getting the minutes as well.
18 Once we get it them from the court
19 reporter, then we will forward those out as well.
20 So, you have the benefit of that, in preparation for
21 that meeting.
22 MR. MUZZY: It seemed to me things that could
23 be an issue is how you frame the issue that is to be
24 voted on, and then when you actually do the voting.

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1 I didn't know whether deciding to do that
2 now would help streamline things later, not that it
3 has to be decided now.
4 MR. MESSINA: Is your concern -- the first
5 thing you said was how to frame the recommendation?
6 MR. MUZZY: Correct. The issue of who can
7 provide services and displays, that is a pretty
8 broad topic.
9 Depending on how the debate goes, that
10 could be narrowed down in various ways. I could
11 just see some discussion going on, actually, exactly
12 what you are voting on.
13 MR. MESSINA: I think this Board, like any
14 other Board, that will be very important when we are
15 voting to make sure that is very clear.
16 If the Task Force Members come with
17 prepared recommendations, that's helpful. Obviously
18 I think we'll have to take our time, when we do
19 those votes, and we'll probably ask the court
20 reporter repeat back so everyone is clear.
21 Because just a month ago, there were 17
22 people thought they voted on one thing, maybe two
23 months ago, thought they voted on one thing; and
24 then after the meeting was over, we realized that

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1 wasn't quite the case.
2 So, I think that is a really a valid
3 concern. It's easier with just five as opposed to
4 17, but it is still important, you're absolutely
5 right. I don't think that is all that you have
6 said. Did you have anything else that I missed?
7 MR. MUZZY: I just want it out there for the
8 members to think about.
9 MR. GREGA: What you are saying at end of each
10 one of these meetings, that we are having a vote or
11 not having a vote, and then waiting until the review
12 period to vote on all of the topics that we've
13 discussed?
14 MR. MUZZY: I think certainly it's your
15 decision as the Task Force.
16 MR. GREGA: But that was your question?
17 MR. MUZZY: Right, and then also how you
18 characterize the issues that you are voting on, so
19 everyone is on the same page, in terms of what you
20 are voting on and when you are voting.
21 MR. MESSINA: The same page is really important
22 because it happens. So, having made that mistake
23 before, I'll try and help us all, so it doesn't
24 happen again.

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1 As to -- the issue as to when to vote,
2 that is great question, too. There are so many ways
3 to do it. My thoughts, and I don't know if they are
4 necessarily the right ones, it's very possible that
5 you guys are going to be overloaded with information
6 at these meetings. Who knows. Who knows how many
7 people come to speak. I have no idea.
8 So, given the possibility that you could
9 just be inundated with a lot of speakers with a lot
10 of information, you may want to go back and think
11 about it and mull it over before you gave vote.
12 MR. GREGA: I don't think that it is prudent we
13 vote on something after one meeting. I think it
14 would be a little more responsible if we waited
15 until the end, when everything was presented for us
16 to all be able to make an objective decision not
17 based on one day, but based on all of the testimony,
18 and everything that we've seen, and everything that
19 we've experienced, to be able to go back and say,
20 "Okay, this is what we're voting on, this is what
21 we're voting on," then that way we're all voting on
22 the same thing.
23 We've had time to review it. It is all
24 fresh in our mind, as opposed to within a single day

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1 saying everything must be decided on that day,
2 knowing that this final review date that we must
3 vote.
4 MR. MESSINA: I think one of the -- I don't
5 know if it was an actual suggestion, or just
6 something to consider. I think Taylor's point is
7 valid, because as I was kind of thinking about it,
8 and frankly I didn't think about it until you said
9 something just now, but September 29th,
10 November 17th, big chunk of time in between.
11 That's going to be maybe difficult for
12 everybody here, because you have to get back in that
13 frame of mind; but hopefully, we'll minimize that
14 difficulty by having minutes for to you take a look
15 at.
16 MR. PANTHER: Hopefully on that fourth meeting,
17 we will be able to do a very quick review of what we
18 talked about, and then frame up the questions that
19 need to be decided, and then act upon those things.
20 I agree with Mark, That is probably the best way to
21 do it.
22 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Wait.
23 MR. MESSINA: Until November 17th.
24 MR. RIORDAN: I'm assuming because we're going

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1 to be voting on the recommendation, components -- we
2 may end up agreeing to disagree on components.
3 We're going to be voting on the whole package,
4 whether we agree with certain portions or not.
5 MR. MESSINA: Right. Let's just say, just to
6 give you a hypothetical, let's say the Task Force
7 Members come, you come with two different
8 recommendations, each you come, ten total.
9 Brian will say, "This is my
10 recommendation. This is why I feel it is
11 important," whatever. There can be kind of a
12 debate, you know.
13 Hopefully we won't go on into -- I guess
14 it is my job to try and help things move forward and
15 not talk 10 hours on the first recommendation; but
16 you know, there will be a discussion, "This is why I
17 think it is important. This is why it is not." Or,
18 "Hey this sounds like a great idea."
19 After we feel like there's been enough
20 discussion, the public has an opportunity, then
21 someone will say, "Okay, I move that we take a
22 vote." Brian seconds it or whomever, and then
23 whatever it is, you know, again, 3-2, 4-1, 5-0, in
24 that draft report that you are going to get, you'll

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1 say what the vote is, so the Members of the House of
2 Representatives know that there was a lot of
3 consensus or very little consensus.
4 Again, I think the difficulty, and I look
5 forward to it, I think the difficulty for Dan and I
6 is to fairly convey the viewpoints that are stated.
7 Look, we're a state agency. The last thing we want
8 is to have somebody think we have a preconceived
9 notion how to do something.
10 That is not good for us. We want to
11 accurately convey what the viewpoints are, and what
12 the vote is, so then the House Members can look at
13 it and say, "I get it."
14 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Can we send out the
15 recommendations way ahead of time?
16 MR. MESSINA: Absolutely. It is just like
17 attachments. Just like the things we send out, that
18 we sent out with this first agenda. Maybe that's
19 something you guys want to think about.
20 MR. GREGA: This is a question of communication
21 as well. If we're talking about, two people
22 discussing this --
23 MR. MESSINA: You're talking about process?
24 MR. GREGA: Yes.

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1 MR. MESSINA: You're talking about process, or
2 scheduling of meetings, or it's just when you get
3 into the substance of it when you have problems.
4 MR. GREGA: Communications are only when we're
5 in this public meeting?
6 MR. MESSINA: On the substance, on the heart of
7 the issue. If you're saying, "Hey, I think Joe
8 shouldn't be doing, you know, pyrotechnic services,"
9 and someone says, "No, I think he should," hey,
10 that's clearly one of the items.
11 MR. GREGA: Are there any other avenues for all
12 of us to be able to communicate, if there is a point
13 of the contention, or is it only while we're here?
14 MR. MESSINA: Yes, in a meeting, if you're
15 talking about something that is the business of the
16 Board, yes.
17 MR. KAY: How does that apply to -- let's say I
18 want to discuss content from this meeting with an
19 expert, just a civilian in the field.
20 MR. MESSINA: Have at it. Absolutely, I'm
21 imagining you would.
22 MR. KAY: Okay.
23 MR. MESSINA: It's just amongst each other.
24 You can talk to me all day long, because I'm not on

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1 the Task Force or Taylor or anyone else.
2 As you've gathered from this meeting, I
3 can talk all day long. It's just that issue just
4 presents itself when talking with other Task Force
5 Members. All right?
6 MR. GREGA: Understood.
7 MR. MESSINA: Anything else? Well, then, I
8 guess, Dan, here is where you ask for someone to
9 make a motion to close the meeting?
10 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Does someone want to make a
11 motion to adjourn the meeting?
12 MR. RIORDAN: I'll make that motion.
13 MR. MESSINA: And you have a second?
14 MR. GREGA: Are we done talking about this,
15 considering, you know, on the 29th of September,
16 we're going to come into this room again?
17 Is there anything that we all need to
18 discuss here, to prepare everyone for that meeting;
19 and if there isn't, then that's fine?
20 Before we adjourn, I just want to put that
21 out there, because again, we're not looking at much
22 time. The last time we did this it took over a year
23 to be able to do the rules, you know, setting up the
24 provisions.

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1 So, we're trying to amend something that
2 did take a very long time to create. We're talking
3 about changing it. So, you know, I think we're
4 ambitious in trying to get it done in this amount of
5 time.
6 I just think if this is the only place
7 that we're allowed to talk about it, and it is only
8 at this, all five members of this --
9 MR. PANTHER: I would agree.
10 MR. GREGA: Before we adjourn, I have things to
11 do as well, but at the same time --
12 MR. PANTHER: We're here, we might as well
13 talk.
14 MR. GREGA: We are here.
15 MR. KAY: Again, I'm looking at the timeline as
16 somebody who is tasked with creating documents. I'm
17 concerned with the timeline, and not being able to
18 communicate to help the man who is responsible for
19 writing the document.
20 MR. GREGA: Do those correspondence have to go
21 through you, Alec?
22 MR. MESSINA: I think they should. They should
23 come to me. I'm glad you said that, because there
24 are two things I want to provide to everyone here

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1 today.
2 Actually, I don't want to provide them on
3 the record, because I don't want myself to be out
4 there. So, what I'll do is after the meeting, I
5 will be sure to give you both my E-mail address, so
6 you can send me, and also my cell number, so that
7 you can call with anything.
8 MR. KAY: So, structurally, if Dan has
9 concerns, he would forward them to you?
10 MR. MESSINA: Uh-huh.
11 MR. KAY: Now, if you felt, for example, they
12 pertained to a certain element of my expertise, we
13 would triangulate through you?
14 MR. MESSINA: I guess, Kent, that's possible.
15 I mean, I think what I would -- I don't know if I
16 even know enough to give you a valuable
17 hypothetical, but what I think will happen, because
18 I'm not sure that you got a problem, I'm not sure
19 exactly what kind of problem there might be.
20 Because, really, outside of these
21 meetings, the only work for Dan and I is to convey
22 accurately what she types, because I don't want to
23 mischaracterize what you said, you know, and I don't
24 want to add to anything that you said, because they

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1 are your words.
2 MR. KAY: Yes.
3 MR. MESSINA: So, I think it's really
4 important, just from an integrity point of view,
5 that's why have a court reporter, as opposed to
6 someone just taking minutes, I think it is that
7 important, especially given the timeframe.
8 MR. KAY: This is my concern is that we
9 support -- that we have a mechanism to support the
10 gentleman that is actually writing the
11 recommendations. We have a sense of alacrity in
12 time.
13 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: My question is: If Kent
14 wants to communicate with me, and he copies everyone
15 else, is that okay?
16 MR. MESSINA: It depends on what the subject
17 is. Again, if we're carrying out and debate about
18 the substance of this Task Force, no, it is not
19 okay.
20 MR. PANTHER: You would have to post a public
21 notice?
22 MR. MESSINA: Right, because the public should
23 have an opportunity to comment on that, and they
24 won't. If you are just sending E-mails, they won't.

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1 So, if Kent wants to say, "Hey, how is it
2 going?" You know, you might have a problem with it,
3 "One of my experts in the field can't come on
4 November 3rd," this is a hypothetical, okay, then
5 absolutely I think Dan know, and we will send that
6 E-mail out to everybody, because we're not talking
7 about the substance, it is just an scheduling issue.
8 We will E-mail everybody here. They don't
9 need to comment on a meeting time.
10 MR. KAY: I understand. I'm speaking to the
11 notion that I inexplicably have a good idea.
12 MR. MESSINA: Sure. Call me, and we'll figure
13 it out. I think what we'll do, you know, and I
14 appreciate also the concern about, you know, Dan
15 being able to collect and produce documents.
16 Dan and I would both be foolish, if we
17 waited until after the 17th. We're going to get
18 these minutes in a reasonable amount of time. We
19 probably should start summarizing then, so we're not
20 swamped come Thanksgiving.
21 MR. KAY: As pertained to these meeting notes,
22 these are part of the public record, there is no
23 non-disclosure?
24 MR. MESSINA: You got it, absolutely.

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1 MR. RIORDAN: In regards to the E-mails, could
2 there be E-mails between two on the Task Force and
3 make that part of the record at the next meeting as
4 part of the public record?
5 MR. MESSINA: If it's a substantive issue --
6 MR. RIORDAN: If it's a matter of substance.
7 MR. MESSINA: No, it has to happen at the
8 meeting. Here is an example of something you could
9 talk about: You may E-mail Dan and say, "You know,
10 I'm thinking about bringing Jim Smith with me to the
11 meeting, because I think he is an expert." That's
12 fine.
13 That is a totally reasonable communication
14 because, again, you're not making a decision. I
15 mean, that is really the key, in your own mind,
16 maybe that is the best way to look at it. Am I
17 either making a decision, or collaborating with a
18 partner towards making that final decision?
19 That's really the issue. So, if it is for
20 scheduling a meeting, or if you are, like, "I think
21 I know this guy in the insurance field, he would be
22 great." And Dan says, "He is good, but I was
23 thinking about so and so." "Okay, got it." You
24 know, that's fine.

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1 That's fine, because you're not making any
2 -- you're not collaborating towards making a
3 decision, you are not making a decision. It is not
4 a substantive meeting issue as to, "Well, you need
5 to have this kind of insurance."
6 It's just kind of a procedural thing.
7 That's fine. Brian?
8 MR. PANTHER: I guess one of the questions I
9 have is are we even able to start any of these
10 discussions today, like Mark is suggesting possibly
11 can we even talk about what we want to talk about at
12 the next meeting, or are we required to post a
13 notice today before we can even talk about these
14 other things, because obviously that wasn't on our
15 agenda?
16 It just seems very restraining, and almost
17 counter-productive to the process, especially given
18 the time constraints that we have to deal with here.
19 MR. GREGA: Yeah, I mean, if our only
20 conversations can be here, and that's understood, we
21 should take an opportunity today to at least -- I
22 mean, the first one obviously the biggest note of
23 contention is who is going to provide the
24 pyrotechnic displays and services.

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1 That should probably be something that
2 this is such a broad term, as it's defined inside of
3 here, and that is one of our main issues is who.
4 Pyrotechnic displays and service, I mean,
5 there's discussions on what services we're talking
6 about, and what pyrotechnic displays we're talking
7 about, as well as indoor and outdoor music
8 entertainment. Have we defined what that is?
9 Definitions are always one of the most
10 difficult things to narrow down, because it's
11 something that everyone has to agree on. So, I
12 mean, those are definitions that we should probably
13 start with. We're here.
14 MR. MESSINA: You are right, and so then I'll
15 apologize, that's not on the agenda.
16 MR. GREGA: Well, sorry.
17 MR. MESSINA: No, I'm sorry. Maybe I should
18 have thought ahead and allowed for that possibility.
19 MR. PANTHER: I thought that is what we're
20 coming here to do is to start discussing this.
21 MR. MESSINA: In talking to Dan and the Fire
22 Marshal as well, your point was so well taken about
23 the fact that the last time all the actors went
24 through this process, it took a year or more.

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1 MR. GREGA: At that time we were also -- you
2 know, there wasn't the restrictions that we have of
3 this Task Force.
4 MR. MESSINA: It's very difficult.
5 MR. GREGA: There was a committee, and everyone
6 was allowed to basically say, even side bars, we
7 were allowed to, if there was a discussion that was
8 going on, that was, you know, going to take longer,
9 then it was something that we all agreed that it
10 would be a subcommittee, so that that way it could
11 be discussed and then brought back to the committee
12 as a whole.
13 MR. MESSINA: It's a difficult timeframe. It's
14 a difficult subject matter. It's going to be just
15 plain difficult.
16 MR. PANTHER: I really do think if this is the
17 kind restrictions that we're going to have to
18 operate under, then we need to be able to have the
19 ability to post the -- it is my opinion I think we
20 should be able to talk about any of these things
21 during any of those meetings, really, because if we
22 start discussing who can provide, and that has ties
23 to -- well, it's directly related to what type of
24 insurance they have.

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1 MR. MESSINA: That is a really good point.
2 MR. PANTHER: If all of a sudden we can't talk
3 about insurance, because insurance isn't on today's
4 agenda, I think that is very, very
5 counter-productive and stifling to the process,
6 especially with the timeline we got to deal with. I
7 think we need to have everything on the table.
8 MR. GREGA: At every meeting.
9 MR. PANTHER: At every meeting. We should
10 definitely set goals for this should be the primary
11 topic that we need to cover, but I think we need to
12 be able to openly discuss at the table everything.
13 MR. MESSINA: My suggestion, for what it's
14 worth, take it for what it's worth, is I think that
15 is a good and a bad suggestion.
16 Here is really what I mean: I think it
17 would be helpful to have all three topics on each
18 agenda, so that way if there is some flow towards
19 another subject, it is not immediately cut off.
20 You are right, these issues are somewhat
21 intertwined, no question about it; but at the same
22 time -- here is my fear, and it's magnified given
23 the timeframes: If we let that first meeting become
24 a discussion about everything, then we're not going

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1 to get everything done.
2 I've been to too many commissions and Task
3 Force and committees that it's just not going to
4 happen, because there's just going to be, you know,
5 the discussion just gets so -- well, sometimes it
6 gets heated, but that is really not my concern,
7 because that is sometimes healthy.
8 It just -- there's no focus, and it
9 becomes really, really difficult. So, I mean, I'm
10 more than comfortable what the Tasks Force wants me
11 to do. I'm going to do whatever the Task Force
12 wants, period.
13 I'm very comfortable with putting all
14 those items on the agenda, but I think we probably
15 should have a understanding because also we want to
16 have -- you know, what good is it to have a
17 discussion about insurance, when, you know, Dan is
18 dying to bring -- you know, maybe Dan doesn't know a
19 darn thing about insurance, and he wants to have one
20 expert here who can advise him during that insurance
21 discussion.
22 Well, you had this great discussion at the
23 first one, but maybe there are other points. You
24 know what I'm saying? We need to do the best we can

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1 to focus on these issues, and that doesn't mean we
2 need to have a complete inability to raise these
3 related things.
4 I don't want to do that, which is why I'm
5 saying, "Yes, okay, that is a good idea, let's put
6 all three items on the agenda." I think we all have
7 to understand that if we get into something else,
8 that's almost as unproductive as well, because the
9 right people may not be here, and it also just -- it
10 does, it confuses the issue, you know, in terms of
11 actually producing something.
12 Look, here is the other option: We kind
13 of agreed on a tentative plan. Let's have three
14 meetings, and we'll just talk about all three
15 things, and in no particular order, and just have a
16 final meeting; or heck, we have two meetings, or
17 one, or just for eight hours one day we'll just talk
18 about everything.
19 You know, I understand your point, I think
20 it is totally reasonable. I also am concerned about
21 trying to maintain some loose focus, so that way we
22 actually will be able to put together a finished
23 product that, you know, it's the best that we can do
24 in the time given.

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1 MR. PANTHER: I think it is a very ambitious
2 undertaking, to say the least, with the restrictions
3 that are put on it.
4 I mean, from a travel perspective, and
5 everybody -- I mean, we're all taking time out of
6 the our work schedules to be here. I would just as
7 soon try to get as much done in one time as I can.
8 If that means I'm here for eight hours
9 addressing the issues, it's a day away from the
10 office, I'd rather be productive with that time
11 period and have the ability to discuss it, since we
12 can't even really discuss anything or even do our
13 homework, so to speak.
14 We have to put everything down in writing,
15 and then come back the next time and then put it all
16 back on the table. It just seems like a really odd
17 way to have meetings.
18 MR. GREGA: That is the definition of this Task
19 Force as an open public meeting.
20 MR. MUZZY: Alec, it is my understanding of the
21 Open Meetings Act just because something is not
22 listed on the agenda, doesn't mean that the Task
23 Force can't consider it, just that it can't take any
24 official action on it.

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1 MR. MESSINA: That's correct. That's correct,
2 too.
3 MR. PANTHER: Really, if we're not taking
4 official actions until our consideration meeting on
5 the 17th of November, it's open discussion.
6 That's kind of what I thought, as I
7 understood your --
8 MR. MESSINA: You also need to present the
9 public an opportunity. If the public doesn't know
10 something is going to be up, you haven't provided
11 them notice.
12 Like today, today is a perfect example,
13 where they haven't been provided notice where we're
14 going to be talking about definitions, as example.
15 The other meetings, put everything out
16 there, that's fine, then it is fair game. Then the
17 public has been given notice, and they better show
18 up if they want to talk about any of those three
19 items. You know, you do have to provide notice so
20 they know to show.
21 MR. RIORDAN: Could some of the things be
22 considered like new business that could be thrown on
23 the next agenda, as we talk about a couple things,
24 so that at least if these discussions tend to segway

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1 into something else, or if there's an opportunity
2 for new business, I call it new business with open
3 discussion, it goes on the agenda; but it also
4 carries over to the next agenda, because it is going
5 to be in the final action or whatever, but it's part
6 of the minutes?
7 MR. MESSINA: Right.
8 MR. RIORDAN: But it stays on the agenda that
9 would be for the next meeting. That can be done
10 that way, correct?
11 MR. MESSINA: Yes.
12 MR. RIORDAN: At least everyone from the public
13 is going to say, "I didn't get a chance to comment,"
14 they will be able to come to the meeting and
15 comment.
16 MR. MESSINA: On business that was discussed at
17 the last meeting.
18 MR. RIORDAN: Because we would have to approve
19 those -- Dan would have to put a motion on the floor
20 to approve the meeting.
21 MR. MESSINA: The minutes.
22 MR. RIORDAN: For this, and then these people
23 can choose to comment here and say, "I like to have
24 this open for discussion" type of thing.

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1 MR. MESSINA: Sure.
2 MR. RIORDAN: So, that should alleviate some of
3 that and try to make it more productive, or at least
4 move things along and make better time, our time is
5 spent better.
6 MR. MESSINA: Were you going to say something?
7 MR. KAY: Again, moving along with Mark on
8 this, insurance is germane to who can and who can't.
9 I would hate for us to be called to a
10 meeting where we must remain moot on insurance, when
11 we need to get on it the table to clear up who can
12 and who can't, just to expedite the process.
13 MR. MESSINA: Okay. Well, then, maybe the
14 first meeting should be on both of those first two
15 issues.
16 MR. PANTHER: I would like to see that included
17 that way, at least with those first two topics. The
18 new editions or changes I could definitely see being
19 a separate meeting.
20 MR. MESSINA: Okay.
21 MR. PANTHER: Some of these initial, the two
22 that the legislature has specifically tasked us
23 with --
24 MR. MESSINA: Should be discussed jointly,

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1 okay.
2 MR. PANTHER: I think they are reasonably
3 linked together and need to be able to be discussed
4 at the same time.
5 MR. MESSINA: Okay.
6 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Okay.
7 MR. MESSINA: So, then, keep the same schedule,
8 but just leave both of those items.
9 MR. PANTHER: Make it two working days worth.
10 MR. MESSINA: That will also give us additional
11 flexibility for you folks to bring people on one of
12 two days.
13 MR. KAY: Yes.
14 MR. MESSINA: Good suggestion. That makes a
15 lot of sense.
16 MR. PANTHER: If there is somebody who is an
17 outside expert who has interest in what's going on
18 in the activity of the committee, then we make them
19 -- put them on notice that this is when it's going
20 to be discussed.
21 If you want to have your voice here, this
22 is when you need to be here to discuss it.
23 MR. MESSINA: Okay. Sounds good. Sounds good.
24 Any concerns with that approach?

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1 MR. GREGA: No, no concern.
2 MR. MESSINA: Good suggestion.
3 MR. RIORDAN: So, those two will be on the
4 agenda for the September and October meeting.
5 MR. MESSINA: Yes, September 29th and
6 October 20th, and we'll have both of those items.
7 I'll just throw in the agenda. I'll ask
8 the Task Members each day, or Dan will, if they
9 think if that third meeting is even necessary.
10 MR. PANTHER: See where we're at.
11 MR. MESSINA: Maybe you'll say, "You know what,
12 we're not going to have any other suggestions that
13 will be beneficial, or have more time on the
14 subject," on the first two, you know.
15 That is something you guys can decide,
16 based on the direction things are headed at that
17 point.
18 MR. PANTHER: I think we should look at it on a
19 meeting-by-meeting basis. If we think we knocked
20 out a bunch of meeting one and two on the first
21 meeting, and we decide we want to move the agenda
22 forward, just put the notice out there, so we can
23 get this thing done as expeditiously as possible.
24 MR. MESSINA: Right. I'll probably throw the

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1 dates on the website but with no agenda. Obviously
2 that is going to be something that we develop over
3 time.
4 MR. PANTHER: So, are we supposed to send you
5 those agendas, or agenda suggestions, because we
6 can't send it to each other.
7 MR. MESSINA: Exactly. If you can give me a
8 week before each meeting, this is what we discussed
9 early, Brian, if you're going to bring a human being
10 here to talk about some issue, if you can just give
11 me a heads up, then I'll put that person on the
12 agenda so we insure that person has an opportunity
13 to speak.
14 So, and again, the other thing I said was
15 if you don't give it to me a week before, that is
16 fine, too. It's not like he won't be able to speak,
17 particularly now that we've got a second meeting;
18 but again, it is just so that everyone -- it is kind
19 of a courtesy so everyone is prepared.
20 Also, we can put an agenda together that
21 is instructive so we can put it on the website. The
22 public will say, "Oh, I have a good idea what's
23 happening at that meeting."
24 So, yeah, if you can let me know, that

1 would be great, a week before. What we'll do is we
 2 will probably -- Dan and I haven't talked about
 3 this, but I'm guessing we will send an agenda, and
 4 any attachments that you may want to send out, or
 5 anything like that, we'll probably send it out four,
 6 five days before the meeting.
 7 We have to publish it 48 hours before. We
 8 have to put an agenda outside the meeting room door
 9 48 hours before the meeting. Yes, please send it to
 10 me and let me know. I think that would be helpful
 11 for everybody.
 12 Again, I want to be very clear, if you
 13 don't send something to me, doesn't mean you can't
 14 address the Task Force. I think it just works
 15 better for everybody if we can do that and satisfies
 16 our desire to inform the public what's going on.
 17 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: Is 10:00 o'clock good
 18 enough for everyone meeting wise? You want it
 19 earlier, later? It's up to you guys.
 20 MR. PANTHER: I think it's probably prudent at
 21 least, I mean, some of these initial meetings will
 22 be lengthy.
 23 MR. KAY: The only thing that would happen to
 24 me would be a 2:00 p.m. matinee, which this would

1 work fine on a theater schedule. It allows those
 2 who travel from a far a little padding for traffic,
 3 as if this morning was any example.
 4 CHAIRMAN McMULLIN: We'll leave them at 10:00
 5 o'clock then. That's fine, everyone is in
 6 agreement. As soon as I get the rooms booked, if
 7 it's here or elsewhere, I'll let you know right
 8 away.
 9 MR. KAY: Okay.
 10 MR. MESSINA: Anything else?
 11 MR. GREGA: Now that we've defined that, I
 12 guess then we could adjourn, since we can't talk
 13 about anything else.
 14 MR. PANTHER: I'll second the motion.
 15 MR. MESSINA: All those in favor, say aye.
 16 (A chorus of ayes.)
 17 MR. MESSINA: Opposed?
 18 (No response.)
 19 MR. MESSINA: Our first unanimous vote.
 20 (WHICH WERE ALL THE PROCEEDINGS HAD.)
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