

MINUTES
Taskforce for the 21st Century
September 23, 2008
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
10:00 a.m.

Chair Dianne Lamberth called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Dianne Lamberth, Chris Masingill, John Ahlen, Gene Eagle for Mac Dodson, Guy Fenter, Bill Ferren, Mike Gaines and Brad Henry for Maria Haley, Gene Hill, Pat Lea, Mickey Pierce, Jim Youngquist, Randy Zook, and James Hendren by proxy to John Ahlen.

Members absent: Judy Adams, John Barnes, Gary Campbell, Clay Curtner, Brad Lacy, Mike Maulden, and Sam Walls.

Staff present: Lisa Cogbill, Mike Gerfen, Randy Wright, Tonya Hass, and Terre McLendon.

Guest present: none.

A motion to accept the amended minutes from the September 17th meeting was passed.

There were no administrative updates.

A change in the agenda was noted: due to personal issues, Gary Harpole was unable to attend and give a presentation.

Chair Lamberth noted that while members are reviewing the role and scope of economic development, that transportation was listed in many cities where the task force met as an important issue.

Jim Youngquist facilitated the discussion involving role and scope items. Prioritization was finished and the recommendations will be converted from the matrix to specific statements for review at a subsequent meeting.

Jim Youngquist and IEA will also draft recommendation statements regarding the State usury law for review at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting will be a teleconference on Tuesday, September 30th at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Cogbill.