

Missouri Food Security Task Force
Organizational Meeting Minutes
October 18th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

a. Director Chinn called the meeting and gave an overview of Task Force.

II. Roll Call:

Task Force Members Present by Phone:

Dr. Kristen Alley	Ashley McCarty
Maile Auterson	Bill McKelvey
Scott Baker	Trina Ragain
Senator Bean	Blake Rollins
Carmen Berry	Senator Washington
Bill Coe	Valerie Nicholson - Watson
Lorin Fahrmeier	Stephen Westbrook
Representative Gregory	Christine Woody
Emily Ibach	Director Chinn
Stephen Latson	Barbara Shaw
Representative Mackey	Caitlyn Whaley
Eric Hueste	Director Kauerauf

Task Force Members Absent:

Ricky Anderson

Staff Participating in Call:

Chris Klenklen, Deputy Director
Kristi Naught, General Counsel
Danyelle High, Legislative Liaison
Davin Althoff, Agriculture Business Development Director
Christi Miller, Communications Director

Others Participating by Phone:

Ally Siegler, Missouri Foundation for Health
Tom Coudran, Missouri Farmers Union
Melissa Vatteror, Missouri Coalition for the Environment
Stephanie Smith, YMCA
Molly McGrath, Missouri Health – DSDS
Don Nicholas, Nicholas Lobbying
Ryan Gill, Senator Bean’s Office
Adam Speak, Representative Mackey’s Office

III. Introductions:

- a. Director Chinn called upon each member and members provided a brief introduction of themselves and their relationship/connection to food insecurity in Missouri.

IV. New Business:

- a. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - i. Chair
 1. Senator Washington moved to nominate Scott Baker as Chair of the Task Force.
 2. Ashley McCarty seconded motion and nomination for Scott Baker
 3. Chair Scott Baker accepted
 4. Lorin Fahrmeier moved to cease nomination
 5. Barbara Shaw seconded to cease nomination
 6. Caitlyn Whaley moved to vote by acclamation
 7. Jason Bean seconded motion to vote by acclamation.
 8. Task Force members voted by acclamation.
 9. *Scott Baker becomes Chair*
 - ii. Vice Chair
 1. Jason Bean nominated Senator Washington as Vice Chair
 2. Blake Rollins seconded nomination.
 3. Senator Washington accepted nomination
 4. Task Force members voted by acclamation.
 5. *Senator Washington becomes Vice Chair.*
- b. Overview of Food Security, provided by Feeding Missouri
 - i. Scott Baker gives presentation of food insecurity in Missouri.
- c. Open Discussion of Task Force Goals and Objectives
 - i. Members discussed different obstacles people face with food insecurity in the state of Missouri and goals to overcome these obstacles. Representative Ian Mackey discussed the cost and access are issues. Ms. Nicholson Watson expressed interest in tax credits for farmers and creating partnerships between food producer and entities that are working in hunger relief. Ms. Ragain mentioned transportation issue with access. Scott Baker recommended breaking task force into 5 subcommittees based on 5 pillars of the mission. Ms. Fahrmeier mentioned barriers into food security. Mr. Westbrook mentioned there's a lot of retail projects and that they are looking for ways to be involved and finance more than just retail establishments. Ms. Shaw discussed children's lack of access. Bill McKelvey asked how family dollar stores get included in this, considering they are not considered full service stores in regards to food deserts. Federal Nutrition program; try to show how many people qualify vs how many actually participate.
- d. Next Steps
 - i. Quarterly Meetings: January (next meeting)
 - ii. Look into communication line for task force members.

- V. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.