

Acting Governor Guadagno Leads Red Tape Review Commission Public Meeting

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Commission Welcomes Public Testimony on Reducing Burdensome Regulation



Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today convened the bipartisan Red Tape Review Commission (RTRC) to hear public testimony on a variety of regulatory issues impacting New Jersey businesses and residents including the business climate, professional licensing, construction regulations, and electronic permitting. The meeting was held at the Douglass Student Center on the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

"Thanks to this bipartisan Commission, in conjunction with the Governor's Office and the Legislature, we have brought a systemic cultural shift to Trenton," said Acting Governor Guadagno, who serves as Chair of the Red Tape Review Commission. "Working in concert to achieve regulatory restraint, these efforts improved New Jersey's regulatory procedure, eliminated onerous red tape, and promoted job creation, job retention, economic growth, and investment in New Jersey."

Prior to taking public testimony on a range of issues, the Commission heard from Eric Taylor, Director of Licensing at the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, on some of the myriad improvements that office made to its institutional licensing, including modernizing and streamlining applications. Additionally, the Commission heard from Assemblywoman Donna Simon regarding Assembly Bill No. 158, of which she is a prime sponsor. This bill seeks to reform how public employees are compensated for unused sick time.

Finally, Senator Jeff Van Drew submitted his resignation from the Red Tape Review Commission. The Acting Governor and the Commission thanked him for his time and hard work. On Monday morning, the Governor appointed Senator Robert Gordon as Senator Van Drew's replacement.

In addition to the Acting Governor, the Red Tape Review Commission's members include Senator Steven Oroho, Senator Robert Gordon, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblyman Scott Rumana, Somerset County Freeholder Brian D. Levine, John Galandak, Tony Monteiro, and Kimberly Gillespie.

To learn more about the RTRC's work, visit http://www.state.nj.us/state/dos_red_tape.html. Individuals and businesses are also encouraged to contact the RTRC directly at redtape.review@sos.state.nj.us.

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