

Artificial Intelligence Task Force Meeting Minutes
April 24th, 2026
1pm-3pm

Task Force Attendees:

1. Yuki Ishizuka
2. Katy Ruckle
3. Amy Harris
4. Sean DeWitz
5. Cherika Carter
6. Darrell Lowe
7. Ryan Harkins
8. Sen. Matt Boehnke
9. Rep. Shavers
10. Magda Balazinska
11. Sandra Toussaint (proxy for Tee Sannon)
12. Beau Perschbacher
13. Paula Sardinas
14. Rep. Travis Couture
15. Vicky Tamaru
16. Leah Koshiyama
17. Crystal Leatherman

Call to Order at 1:04pm

- Yuki Ishizuka calls the meeting to order. Minutes from previous meeting were approved; public comment period began.

Public Comment Period Begins

- Members of the public expressed some of the recommendations languages have been watered down. Additional comments were made about aligning recommendations with current legislation as applicable.

Public Comment Period Ends

- The group considers the first recommendation for discussion. Task Force member, Ryan Harkins, asks whether including a finding in the first recommendation is necessary to include. This is in consideration of passed legislation. Ryan motions to strike a word in favor of another. Sean seconds the recommendation. Change approved by the group.
- Magda Balazinska, notes that the definition of AI used in the recommendation is not needed to reflect the passed legislation. A comment is made in the room by a member of the public regarding the reasoning of definition language.

- Beau Perschbacher notes that some of the points raised are moot. Ryan, Sean motion. Recommendation is approved.
- The group considers the second recommendation Guidelines for Use of Generative AI by Washington State. Magda Balazinska shares concern about the first bullet point in the recommendation might create undue burden. Cherika Carter notes that minor changes to software are not captured into the consideration of the first bullet point. It captures significant changes that impact workers' hours and wages.
- Paula Sardinias notes concerns about the funding on the first bullet point of recommendation. The mandate may be burdensome and the impact to marginalized higher education students.
- Katy Ruckle notes that the six-month notice is in effect with consequential change and generative AI use. She notes that the state has not seen costs of the directive so far.
- Cherika Carter notes some of the real-world impacts shared to Task Force members of payroll impact including wage theft with the rollout of technology adoption. Beau Perschbacher notes that the recommendation strikes a balance. Katy Ruckle motions for a vote and Cherika Carter seconds. Recommendation 2 is not adopted.
- The group considers Recommendation 3 Responsible Data Center Development. Cherika Carter poses the question to the Task Force members regarding group interest in labor protections within the data center context.
- Amy Harris points that the Data Center recommendation is beyond the Task Force's statute. Yuki Ishizuka shares the Task Force requested to observe the issue of Climate/Energy which includes data centers.
- Sen. Boehnke agrees that he believes that this recommendation is beyond the scope of the Task Force. Beau Perschbacher shares his involvement with the recommendation development and the Data Center Workgroup efforts that is mirrored in the recommendation.
- Sean DeWitz shares his support of the recommendation particularly as considered by impacts to small businesses experiencing rising costs. Ryan Harkins notes that this recommendation is beyond the Task Forces' scope. Cherika Carter notes that the recommendation does not consider enough regarding labor protections with data center development.
- Magda Balazinska proposes making changes that speak to the concerns in the room because the recommendation has value. She continues to provide suggested changes. Yuki Ishizuka motions to table the vote to update per Sen. Boehnke's suggestion. Magda Balazinska suggests an additional change. Rep. Couture shares that even with the suggested changes the recommendation still falls beyond the scope and motions to vote. Sean DeWitz seconds the motion put forth by Yuki Ishizuka. The motion is approved.
- The group moves to consider the fourth recommendation. Magda Balazinska points to the associated costs with the recommendation that would hinder

implementation. She continues to raise the points shared in the written public comments.

- Vicky Tamaru points out the implications of the fast changes of technology and the need for protections. Beau Perschbacher shares that the decision bargaining leads him to vote no.
- Cherika Carter urges Task Force members to consider voting to approve the recommendation and the impact of a real-world example of Workday implementation. She calls into the issue of worker pay that had rippling effects beyond a mere inconvenience. Sandra Toussaint shares her support for the recommendation. Vicky Tamaru notes the potential lawsuit risk of implementation risks that impact workers.
- Crystal Leatherman notes her vote being against the recommendation. Rep. Couture notes the vagueness of the language in the recommendation findings, the Task Force member notes that the legislature finds more specific detailed recommendations of value. Yuki Ishizuka motions to vote and Cherika Carter seconds. Recommendation 4 is not adopted
- Recommendation 5 is considered by the group regarding an Advisory Body. Scott Frank and Cherika Carter express support regarding the Advisory Body and how additional consideration will be needed as technology continues to evolve and policy development needs to continuously be engaged.
- Yuki Ishizuka motions to vote on the recommendation and Ryan Harkins seconds the motion to vote. Recommendation 5 is adopted.

Group adjourns for break at 2:27pm

Group returns at 2:40pm

- The group looks at the set changes distributed regarding Recommendation Three. Yuki Ishizuka motions to vote on the recommendation and Magda Balazinska seconds. Recommendation 3 is not adopted. Yuki Ishizuka shares the final recommendations that were adopted and were not adopted. The meeting ended with closing remarks from the facilitator and appreciation from Task Force members.

Meeting ends at 2:50pm