

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LABOR STANDARDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

MINUTES

**April 19, 2013 1:00-2:30pm
1644 School of Social Work**

Attendance: Committee members: Kristen Ablauf, Ravi Anupindi, James Atkinson, Jim Gannon, Allen Hicken (chair), Siobán Harlow, Nancy Vander Kuyl (committee staff), Dean Yang

Absent: Arjun Bhalla, Khaled Eid, Abigail Williams

Committee Business

Gregg Nebel not available to call into today's meeting as previously planned. General Counsel will be invited to the May meeting if the PT Kizone situation continues.

Operational Leadership

KAblauf reported that quarterly reports were completed as of March. The number of non-approvals is going down as the CLC CR pilot program changes become standard procedure for the renewal process. Overall, applications reveal the training gap for level C companies that need to improve their understanding of our expectations. With past focus on larger companies, the training materials exist but the FLA has no funding base to maintain a training program directed at C level companies.

Monitoring and Compliance

PTKizone: Adidas acknowledged receipt of President Coleman's April letter. Chair talked with FLA, WRC's Scott Nova, contacts at Wisconsin, EMU and EC. No changes reported with the PT Kizone situation.

Levi Dockers: Committee discussed timeliness of monitoring, who pays for it (ie escrow fund), how the ILO Better Work Program produces regular valuation of factories. Committee felt strongly that this company is an exception, that little competition exists that could match their standards. Chair will inquire into these matters and continue the conversation at the May meeting. Motion to vote was made and seconded if the information provided is favorable toward application approval.

Meeting adjourned

Post meeting update:

On April 23, Chair circulated news on the PT Kizone case from the WRC announcing that an agreement had been reached between adidas and the union representing the PT Kizone workers. Committee passed a majority vote to approve the Levi Dockers application and cancelled the May meeting.