

1. **Lt. Governor McKee:** Opening Remarks
 - a. LG McKee brings up creating a bank loan strategy & discusses learning loss for students (will bring up weekly as this impacts our economy)
2. **LG introduces Joe Rodio, Legal Counsel to Lt. Governor McKee**
3. **LG introduces [SBA](#) Director Mark Hayward:** Federal Update
 - a. Reminder to check your credit for fraudulent hits
 - b. New rule today on PPP (listen around minute [8:15](#))
 - i. News summaries [here](#) & [here](#)
 - c. Contact SBA: RhodeIsland_DO@sba.gov
 - d. PPP/EIDL info [here](#)
 - i. EIDL still available
 - e. Free business consulting at [RISBDC](#), [SCORE](#), [CWE](#), & [VBOC](#)
4. **LG introduces [DLT](#) Assistant Director Matt Weldon:** UI Update
 - a. Almost 100k people request a payment from DLT last week
 - b. Call center staffing/hours has been ramped up; there is still a wait/"try again" message, but you are able to get through
 - c. On Saturday, the additional \$300 UI bonus has been approved; funds are limited, so 3 weeks of bonus will be given out (\$900-- retroactive to the first 3 weeks of August; this will take a couple of weeks-- please do not ask when the money will be available) -- also applies to WSP participants
 - d. UI Issues? Fill out this [form](#)
 - e. DLT Call Center: (401) 415-6772
 - f. Report a fraudulent claim: dlt.investigations@dlt.ri.gov
 - g. If your claim has been stopped due to fraud, call: 234-4280 or <https://verify.dlt.ri.gov/> (best)
 - h. WorkShare Program (WSP) info [here](#)
 - i. Contact DLT: dlt.covid19@dlt.ri.gov
 - j. Email TDI/TCI: DLT.TDI@dlt.ri.gov
5. **LG introduces [DBR](#) Director Liz Tanner:** Regulation/Reopening Update
 - a. Public schools will be inspected next week
 - b. "Take it Outside" campaign-- taking all business, meetings, meals, etc. outside for health concerns. Looking at barriers for business (insurance, costs, etc.)
 - i. Working with municipalities on street closures
 - c. Question/Complaint [form](#)
 - d. Reopening guidance/updates [here](#)
 - e. DBR Hotline: 401-889-5550
 - f. Visit RIDOH for travel guidance, testing info, etc. [here](#)
6. **LG introduces the RI Small Business Coalition ([RISmallBusiness.org](#)) featuring:**

a. Chris Parisi of [Trailblaze Marketing](#)

- i. Weekly Coalition Zoom calls at 11am Mondays (email: info@rismallbusiness.org)
- ii. Second survey is going out-- this is focused on feedback on Restore RI grant-- please take the survey; looking for feedback from businesses to effectively help out the community
- iii. Overview of the annual Lt. Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge; Chris was a judge on this year's first ever virtual challenge (watch [here](#))

7. LG introduces Small Business Panel on Restore RI featuring:

a. Councilwoman Nancy Beye of Jamestown Early Learning Center

- i. The childcare industry is not eligible for Restore RI because Gov. Raimondo set aside \$5 million for the Child Care Provider Relief Fund Grant. This grant is incredibly selective & not all businesses qualify
- ii. Childcare centers have significant PPE costs & these costs are burdensome. Centers need to remain open, or workers with families can't go to work

b. Frank Luca of One on One Basketball

- i. His business is creating after school basketball programs in elementary & middle schools for students, so he was shut down for awhile
- ii. Filed as an S Corp with the State; worked with an accountant to complete the grant; CRF, the company working with Commerce on Restore RI, had told him there was an issue with his NAICS Code.
- iii. He was not eligible as a "severely impacted business" & they deemed him a Sole Proprietor with no employees so he was denied- he is an S Corp, not a Sole Proprietor (was interviewed on WPRO by Dan Yorke later in the day)

c. Bud McCann of Allegra: Marketing, Print, Mail

- i. Commercial printing has taken a hit because marketing budgets are one of the first to take a hit for small business that are struggling
- ii. His business was allowed to remain open, so he did not make the 50% loss (for open businesses). He had higher expenses because he had to remain open (closed businesses had to show a 30%, not 50% loss)

d. Renay Curran of R & R Machine

- i. Not eligible for Restore RI because their backlog of work was too high in comparison for the specific period of time the grant asked for (did not make the 50% threshold), yet her company has lost significantly more business after that specific period of time (not taken into account for the grant)

8. Lt. Governor McKee: Closing Remarks

- a. Other states are dispersing money in a quicker, more efficient manner. Their apps are much more simple. LG thanks Commerce for their efforts, but there needs to be improvements for our small business community

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgSvkf8WQgc>

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