

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Dave Collins (via phone); Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Sam Schlosser; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer; Karen Weber, Director of Legal and Human Resources; Randy Gillespie, Director of Budget and Accounting; Josh Richardson, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs and Marc Lotter Director of Communications .

Mr. Schlosser called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and recognized that there was a quorum present.

Mr. Schlosser welcomes guest Elizabeth Kallus sitting in for George Raymond from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Tyler Campbell, Policy Director Indiana House Minority Caucus.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Sanders began reporting in Commissioner Voors absence. He reported she was attending a NASWA (National Association of State Workforce Agencies) Conference as the chair of the Labor Market Information Group in Niagara Falls.

Mr. Sanders gave an update from the recent State Workforce Innovation Council meeting regarding the program that will be funded. On-the-Job Training (OJT) where employers can hire and train new employees and we will provide up to 50% of salary for six months.

Mr. Sanders also gave an update regarding partnership with IEDC working on economic issues. We began the WAG (Workforce Acceleration Grant) to help individuals with training and schooling. We have already enrolled 900 individuals in this program.

Mr. Sanders stated that House Bill 3548 passed adding 13 weeks of Extended Unemployment Claims (EUC3) which extends it from 79 to 92 weeks. This bill still has to be passed by the Senate in Washington DC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Schlosser asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes. A motion was made by Kevin Tully to accept the August 26, 2009 minutes, which was seconded by Randy Maxwell and unanimously approved.

Attention was directed to Karen Weber to discuss the Ethics Training that is required by all board members. She stated this is a policy that requires all board members to take the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training.

Mr. Sanders gave an update on the Unemployment Insurance Annual Report. He directed the board's attention to the UI Board Composition handout stating in Sec. 2. (a) The board shall report annually to the governor on the status of unemployment insurance together with recommendations for maintaining the solvency of the unemployment insurance benefit fund. He referred to the letter to the Governor that was sent last year from the UI Board. The board reviewed this letter and all agreed this was an accurate reflection of the trust fund and appropriate to include in the Annual Report. Joe Evans motioned for approval and Paula Presnoples seconded the motion, motion approved.

Mr. Sanders directed attention to Josh Richardson who attended the UI Oversight Committee and touched base on their past meeting that he attended. He referred to the hand outs regarding the meeting minutes and agenda. He stated he would be attending future meetings and keep the UI Board updated on these events.

### **OPERATIONAL UPDATE:**

Mr. Sanders began with unemployment insurance performance metrics. He refers to the handout of the U.S. map showing the 9.9% unemployment rate in Indiana for August 2009. This is the largest percentage drop we've seen in Indiana in the past three years.

Mr. Sanders directed everyone's attention to the next hand out, Indiana Claims from January 2008-August 2009. There was an initial decrease in August as State UI has been exhausted which is good for the Trust Fund yet bad for the economy.

Mr. Sanders moved on to the Trust Fund update. At this time he directs everyone's attention to the Trust Fund Preliminary Analysis handout for August. As of August, 2009, there has been a over 1 billion dollars borrowed from the Federal Government for the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The next handout reviewed is of that states that are currently borrowing. The projection for next year is for Indiana to be borrowing 2.7 billion dollars by December 2010. Mr. Sanders states that Nevada and Virginia will be borrowing as of October. Another five states will begin by the end of the year.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

At this time, Mr. Schlosser opened the floor to new business.

Mr. Schlosser asks if there is any other new business and the members' state there was none.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

The next board meeting will be October 21, 2009.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schlosser adjourns the meeting at 10:35am. Meeting adjourned.

