

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2010
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Dave Collins; Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully, Vice President. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Mark Everson, Commissioner; Randy Gillespie, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Unemployment; Mark Lotter, Director of Communications; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner Communications; Ron Miller, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer Interim General Counsel; Sabrina Rahn, Director of Appeals; and Scott Sanders, Deputy Commissioner System Information and Analysis.

Mrs. Presnoples called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and noted there was a quorum.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Everson began with the Commissioner's Report. He reminded the board, at the last meeting the federal extension had just been enacted and we have brought 83,000 people back into the system on Federal EUC and have paid out approximately \$100M. All of these monies were paid out within 12 days of enactment and some states are still trying to get this done. This was a collaborative team effort. We had a lot of hard work by systems people. This was supported by the adjudication team, the call center team and WorkOne office staff by staying open for extended hours. Around the same time as the extensions, we made the decision to move forward with launching our updated computer system by the beginning of next year. There will be a few other pieces that come online a few months later. Mr. Everson added this system will have changes for the employers we will be communicating as we move forward on this.

Mr. Everson ended with sharing the unemployment and job numbers that were released on August 20th. The national private sector job growth rate has increased by 0.6% since the beginning of the year. Indiana has been the 4th highest growing state in the nation at 2.4% and tied with Utah. Our unemployment rate has been hanging around 10% and it went up to 10.2% from 10.1%. We have more growth in our workforce. For the first time in a number of months we have a little growth in construction.

Mrs. Presnoples asked Mr. Everson if there is anything he can do to get the 3 open board seats filled. Mr. Everson agreed to work on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Presnoples asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes from July 28, 2010. A motion was made by Randy Maxwell and Joe Evans seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Mrs. Johnson began by introducing Sabrina Rahn as the new Director of Appeals and she was welcomed by the board. Mrs. Johnson continued with the operational update. She discussed the UI Metrics and referenced the chart titled UI Claims by Type. She stated 179,000 total posted claims for the previous week: 68,000 are regular UI and about 87,000 are on federal extensions and 24,000 on state extended benefits. Mrs. Johnson reviewed the next chart, Claims by Type and individual numbers of state extended benefits and regular UI. Mrs. Johnson then handed out a USDOL document comparing state UI law provisions.

Mr. Sanders referred to the Monthly Board Report as he gave an update on the Trust Fund. He also gave an update on the Penalty and Interest Fund. Mr. Sanders informed the board he has taken on a new role on the systems side and will be transitioning the board over to Mr. Gillespie, as the new Chief Financial Officer, who has also picked up the metrics for the Agency. He will however still be involved in the legislative process. Mrs. Presnoples asked Mr. Gillespie if he would give updates to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Sanders informed the board that Mr. Gillespie visited the Marion Chamber meeting to provide an update on the UI System and will get a copy of the presentation to the board.

Mrs. Presnoples asked if there were press releases being sent out and that the board members had not been getting any of them. Ms. Marshel responded she would make sure the board members were included in any releases being sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Presnoples asked as to whether the dates previously calendared for the balance of the year's meeting were convenient for all board members to attend or whether they should consider moving them. It was agreed to keep the meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

Mr. Evans asked whether the regional workforce boards would be changing. Mr. Sanders responded there is discussion between the boards, Commissioner Everson and Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of USDOL about what the right structure is for Indiana. It has not been decided at this time, but will inform the board once a decision has been reached.

Mr. Tully asked if there had been an outcome on the Hammond Horseshoe Casino. Mr. Sanders reminded the board that the Horseshoe counsel came and presented their issues to the board. They have received their merit rate rollback and have made all their payments.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The next board meeting will be September 15, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Presnoples adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.