

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2010
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Dave Collins; Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Sam Schlosser; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Randy Gillespie, Director of Budgets; Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Unemployment; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner Communications; Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer; Dustin Stohler, General Counsel; and Karen Weber, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, and Joshua Richardson Director Government and Legislative Affairs.

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

Mr. Schlosser welcomed guest David Thomas and Cyndi Carrasco from the Inspector Generals office, George Raymond from the Chamber of Commerce, Representative Dan Leonard, Indiana House Representative-District 50, and Tyler Campbell with the House Republican Caucus.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Voors began with stating that at the end of 2009 approximately 30,000 to 40,000 additional claimants began receiving unemployment compensation as part of the newly expanded Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The Agency reached a new peak of approximately 271,000 claimants receiving unemployment insurance compensation. Our last peak was 220,000 when temporary seasonal workers were laid off.

The Unemployment Insurance Modernization launch has been delayed due to the required changes in the new Federal programs.

The agency was granted \$6 million for the Federal Green Grant by Department of Labor. These funds will be used for On the Job Training and for green jobs pertaining to the construction industry. Any additional questions should be directed to Dr. Gina DelSanto, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Performance.

The Agency exceeded the Federal standard for timeliness of 87% for payment within in 21 days during the second half of 2009. This exceeded the national average of 81.5% in the fourth quarter.

ETHICS PRESENTATION

Karen Weber introduced herself in her new position as Deputy Commissioner, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer. In her new role, she has been working closely with the Inspector General's office to insure every one is educated on the ethics rules for all state appointees and insuring ethics training is completed by March 2010. She introduced David Thomas, Inspector General, and Cyndi Carrasco, Attorney, who works with the State Ethics Commission. They provided a short overview of Indiana's ethics rules and answered any questions the board had.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Schlosser asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes. A motion was made by Joe Evans to accept the December 16, 2009 minutes, which was seconded by Kent Tolliver and unanimously approved.

Mr. Gillespie discussed training updates with the reports submitted by Vincennes University, Indiana Plan, and Ivy Tech. Mr. Schlosser requested the board to review the material presented and any questions they had would be brought up at the next meeting. Mr. Gillespie reminded the board that the invoices would not be paid until they approve these reports. Mr. Schlosser entertained a motion to approve these reports, Joe Evans motioned for approval and Dave Collins seconded the motion, motion approved.

Mr. Sanders stated that he has a hard copy draft of the Annual Report to be distributed. He stated that a report will be sent out April of every year as that is when the board holds their annual meeting. Every annual report will be distributed at that time.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

Mary Johnson began with a UI Performance Metrics update. She directed everyone's attention to the handout of the map of the unemployment rate for November 2009 which showed a 9.6% rate. The new rate for December will be announced this Friday.

Mr. Sanders moved on to the Trust Fund update. He stated we paid \$110 million in state funds and \$140 million in Federal funds for the month of December. Our state payouts are declining due to fewer lay offs at the end of the year.

He directed everyone's attention to the Trust Fund Preliminary Analysis handout. One is annually for the year and the other is the month ending in December. For 2009, the agency paid out \$1.8 Billion dollars in State funds and \$1.3 Billion for Federal Funds.

On the national borrowing front, DOL received additional borrowing letters from additional states. Indiana is the 7th highest in terms of amount borrowed but Texas and Illinois will bypass Indiana sometime in February.

At this time, Michelle Marshel and Joshua Richardson from Governmental Affairs gave updates on Senate Bill 23 (one year delay of changes in tax rates and taxable wage base for employers) and its movement from the Senate to the House. They also provided an update on a UI Bill that would not have pension payments treated as deductible income.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time, Mr. Schlosser opened the floor to new business and there was none.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None

The next board meeting will be February 17, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schlosser adjourns the meeting at 11:25am. Meeting adjourned.