

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 2010
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Sam Schlosser; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Randy Gillespie, Director of Budget; Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Unemployment; Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer; Dustin Stohler, General Counsel; Ron Miller, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer.

Mrs. Presnoples called the meeting to order at 10am. She welcomed guest Dave Tucker, Vincennes University; Murray Clark with Baker and Daniels; Brad Nemeth, former employee; Dax Ramsey and Joey Richards, Indiana Plan; Pete Rimsans, Building and Trade Commission; Craig Fry and Teresa Heck, Ivy Tech University.

Mr. Sanders introduced Mark Everson, the newly appointed Commissioner for Department of Workforce Development and gave a brief background. Commissioner Everson stated that he has been at DWD for three weeks now and is looking forward to working with the Unemployment Insurance Board.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Sanders gave the Commissioner's Report. He discussed the Young Hoosier's Conservation Corps program. This is the second year for the YHCC program that DWD started last year with the stimulus funds. This year DWD has also partnered with Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to provide youth with additional opportunities for summer employment.

Mr. Sanders stated that Congress has not reauthorized extension for Unemployment Insurance Benefits. We are making sure claimants understand this and are educating our WorkOne employees on how to assist these claimants.

EMPLOYER ISSUE

Dustin Stohler gave an introduction on the issue being addressed by employer Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. which was formerly Horseshoe Hammond, Inc. He reminded the board of the resolution that was passed back in October 2009 to waive Penalty and Interest at the board's discretion if there happened to be an uncommon circumstance that does not apply to the rules that were described in the resolution. Horseshoe Hammond, Inc. came in front of the board with a circumstance that is not described in the resolution. Mr. Stohler introduced Murray Clark with Baker and Daniels to represent Horseshoe Hammond, Inc. He directed attention to the handout that had a list of chronological events that occurred which brought them to this current situation. He gave the board a brief overview of the events. After presenting their issues to the board, Mr. Clark stated that the employer offered to pay the penalty and interest to the current date in exchange for a reduced rate based on the extenuatory circumstances. The board discussed the issue and Mr. Tully motioned to approve the settlement proposal and Joe Evans seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Presnoples asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes from May 19th 2010. A motion was made by Randy Maxwell and Kevin Tully seconded the motion. Motion approved.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Mary Johnson began with the operational update. She directed everyone's attention to the Claims by Type Chart which shows the change in claimants due to the expiration of the extended unemployment benefits. The State Extended Benefits were turned off as of June 5th. In addition, the claimants who exhausted their current tier of benefits are not allowed to move to the next tier.

Mr. Sanders gave an update on the Trust Fund. He discussed the Monthly Board Report, the amounts borrowed by state, and the Penalty and Interest Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Tucker from Vincennes University discussed their training plan for the next fiscal year. He handed out a booklet showing apprenticeship program and their budget report for 2009-2010. He discussed their four year degree and apprenticeship program and completion rate.

Dax Ramsey with Indiana Plan discussed the overview of their program and their accomplishments from last year. He handed out a budget review and discussed reasoning behind their request for more money. There was a short discussion regarding why more money was needed in certain areas and what was going to be cut out for the next year.

Teresa Hess with Ivy Tech gave a presentation regarding their apprenticeship and degree program. Mrs. Presnoples requested their budget information which they did not have with them at that time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The next board meeting will be July 21st 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Presnoples adjourned the meeting at 11:40am.