

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) BOARD MEETING

Date: November 1, 2006

Time: 10:02 A.M.

Location: 10 N. Senate Avenue, Room 301A
Indianapolis, IN 46204

PRESENT: Bob Dickerson, President; Brent Schoolcraft, Vice-President; Barry Baer (via phone), Tom Hargrove (via phone), Samuel Schlosser (via phone), Sean Seyferth, and Dave Thomas—Members. Also in attendance were: Teresa Voors, Chief Legal Counsel; Kristy Musall, Staff Attorney; Hope Clark, Director, Research and Analysis; Jennifer Chappell, Supervisor, Trust Fund Accounting; and Gus Linde, Director, Oversight Division.

- Called to order by Bob Dickerson
- Quorum was present
- Guest present: There were no guests present

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Dickerson noted that that the Commissioner had a speaking engagement and would be unable to attend. Mr. Dickerson then gave a little background on Mr. Penca. In addition, Mr. Dickerson noted that Mr. Combs replacement had been named—Scott Sanders. Mr. Sanders, Mr. Dickerson continued, comes to the agency from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Anne Valentine's (Deputy Commissioner, Communications and Government Affairs) successor had also been named, John Ruckelshaus, Mr. Dickerson noted. Ms. Voors added that Mr. Penca is very excited to be on board in his new position and the agency is continuing to work very diligently on projects that were already in the works—including the debit card program and UIM project. The current management team continues to work on filling the executive positions recently vacated within the agency, Ms. Voors added, also noting that as touched on by Mr. Dickerson, Mr. Penca was very happy to have brought on board Mr. Sanders and Mr. Ruckelshaus who bring a wealth of experience to their positions.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the October 4, 2006 meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by Mr. Thomas, with a second by Mr. Seyferth; all members present signed the official Minute Book.
- Ms. Voors noted that the Board's *Annual Report* had been finalized and was in the process of being distributed as was normal process by Ms. Musall. As an FYI, Mr. Dickerson noted that he had met with Ms. Musall after the last meeting to discuss distribution. The original intent, Mr. Dickerson stated was to do an electronic distribution with hard copies being made available upon request. However, Mr. Dickerson continued he believed that distributing a hard copy was the best way to go, as he felt that would be a more visible way of "touting our successes".

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Dickerson noted that the members would find in the day's package—which were e-mailed to those not in attendance prior to the meeting—four Resolutions that in turn thanked Ron Stiver, Maureen Weber, Monty Combs, and Anne Valentine for their service to the agency and their contributions to advancing UI programs. Mr. Hargrove made a motion to accept the Resolutions as presented, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. As there was no further discussion Mr. Dickerson called for a vote and the Resolutions were unanimously adopted. Mr. Dickerson noted that he had left word for Mr. Combs inviting him, and the others, to drop in on the day's meeting for presentation. Should they be unable to attend, Mr. Dickerson concluded, that with the Board's permission, he would personally deliver the Resolutions to the recipients, to which the other members concurred.
- At the Board's request Ms. Clark was in attendance to give a brief presentation on employment, unemployment, and occupational projections for the State of Indiana. Ms. Clark added that the Board might also find additional information that they might find useful on the *Hoosiers by the Numbers* website at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Ms. Clark then "walked" the Board through her visual presentation, answering questions when posed. In particular, Mr. Baer asked if projections could be made regarding the growth of the Trust Fund. Ms. Clark noted that she normally did not make projections on the Trust Fund. Mr. Dickerson thanked Ms. Clark for her time.
- Ms. Chappell came before the Board to go over some information regarding the UI Trust Fund. Ms. Chappell passed out a hard copy of some information regarding the Fund—Mr. Dickerson asked that members not present be forwarded this information—explaining the same. Ms. Chappell then answered questions posed regarding that handout. Mr. Dickerson thanked her for her time.
- Mr. Linde came before the Board to review the Special Fund report—which the Board receives electronically each month. As there were no questions, Mr. Dickerson thanked Mr. Linde for his time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Replying to a question posed by Mr. Thomas, Ms. Voors noted that the new call center for UI was up and running. Mr. Baer asked if the debit card program was "running full blast" yet. Ms. Voors replied that we are currently in pilot testing, however if the pilot goes correctly the agency still anticipates the program going on-line by the end of the year. Mr. Baer then asked if a lot of marketing had been done. To date, Ms. Voors replied that a lot of information has not gone to the press; however, marketing materials have been distributed to the local offices.

Ms. Musall arrived with hard copies of the Board's *Annual Report*, which she distributed—Ms. Feltner was to mail copies to members not present. Reiterating what Mr. Dickerson had stated earlier, Ms. Musall stated that it had been determined that the best method of distribution would be to distribute an electronic copy as per normal practice, followed up with a hard copy being distributed to each member of the General Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

REVIEW OF MEETINGS: Next meeting is December 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at IDWD's Administrative Office.