

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010
State Capitol Building, Room 413
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD

Members Present

Pam Roberts, Chair
Carol Hinderaker
Mark Merchen
Homer Harding
David Owen
Rob Anderson
Bob Riter, Jr.
Paul Aylward

Members Absent

Jason Dilges

Others Present

Don Kattke
Pauline Heier
Monica Harding
Dawn Dovre
Nathan Lukkes
Bob O'Connell
Julie Johnson
Donna Leslie
Deb Mortenson
Mark Anderson
Larry Zikmund
Shawn Lyons
Myron Rau

Chairwoman Roberts called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken by Pauline Heier. A quorum was present.

Homer Harding MOVED to approve the February 9, 2010, minutes. Paul Aylward SECONDED. Motion Carried.

Don Kattke presented to the Council the U.S. Department of Labor's recommendation for adequate Trust Fund balance. The recommendation proposes a Trust Fund balance to cover one year of benefits. The amount recommended was \$76 million.

David Owen MOVED to set the target Trust Fund balance at \$75 million. Mark Merchen SECONDED.

Paul Aylward made a SUBSTITUTE motion to use the U.S. Department of Labor's recommended amount of \$76 million. Mark Merchen SECONDED. Motion Carried on roll call vote. 8 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Chairwoman Roberts asked for suggestions from the public on items for Council consideration in 2010. Several items were mentioned: employer surcharge rate, wage base, employer tax rate notice, 2009 tax table reinstatement, and negative account balance statute. The Council will discuss these items and will ask for other public suggestions at the next meeting.

The Council discussed legislation currently before the legislature; Senate Bill 186 and House Bill 1018.

Bob Riter MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Rob Anderson SECONDED. Motion Carried.