

Meeting Minutes
REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Microsoft Teams Meeting
April 26, 2022, 1:30 p.m. CDT

Members Present: Secretary Marcia Hultman (Chair), Robert Anderson, David Owen, Douglas Severson, Pam Roberts, Mark Rogers, Nathan Sanderson

Members Absent: Dan Schmidt, Kari Karst

Others Present: Pauline Heier, Dawn Dovre, Deb Mortenson, Bob Mercer, Donna Leslie, Dawn Williams, Brenda Weishaar, Julie Albano, Kristi Sandal

Secretary Hultman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CDT. Roll call was taken by Julie Albano. A quorum was present.

Robert Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 23, 2021. Pam Roberts seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by a 7-0 roll call vote (2 absent).

Secretary Hultman provided a legislative recap of Senate Bill 31 allowing appropriation of General and Federal funds to modernize the Reemployment Assistance computer system, House Bill 1128 which codified existing fraud detection measures and House Bill 1173 which amends the definition of employing unit to include common paymaster. A common paymaster is defined as related corporations concurrently employing the same individual and reporting wages under one account.

The Council received an update and discussion was held on the current state of the UI Trust Fund, including financial projections for the remainder of 2022.

Secretary Hultman discussed with Council Trust Fund solvency and employer tax reductions, surcharge triggers which are dependent on Trust Fund balances and Short-term compensation which allows employers to maintain their workforce by reducing hours worked in lieu of layoffs.

Secretary Hultman opened the floor for Council and public comments. There were no comments.

David Owen made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Hultman adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m. CDT.