

Meeting Minutes
REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
DLR Conference Room
420 S. Roosevelt St., Aberdeen
June 4, 2020 10:00 a.m. CDT

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

Members Absent: Dan Schmidt

Others Present: Pauline Heier, Dawn Dovre, Amber Mulder, Deb Mortenson, Deb Owens, Julie Albano, Lisa Kaczke, Seth Tupper, Justin Bentaas, Toby Crow

Secretary Hultman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken by Julie Albano. A quorum was present.

Nathan Sanderson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2019. Kari Karst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by an 8-0 roll call vote (1 absent).

Secretary Hultman reviewed some of the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The provisions included the enactment of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) which provides an additional \$600 weekly payment to unemployed workers. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) was made available for self-employed, independent contractors, and gig workers and an additional 13 weeks of benefits were provided to exhaustees of State benefits through the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program.

Secretary Hultman also reviewed additional executions, including suspension of the work search requirement and the non-paid waiting week, relieving employers of charges for COVID-19 related payments, and exempting employers from late payment penalties. Short-term compensation which allows employers to maintain their workforce by reducing hours worked in lieu of layoffs was also discussed as a topic of consideration for future Council discussion.

The Council received an update on the current state of the UI Trust Fund, including financial projections for 2020. David Owen suggested the Council consider a review of the employer surcharge triggers as a topic for future Council discussion.

Secretary Marcia Hultman opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Nathan Sanderson made a motion to adjourn. Mark Rogers seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.