

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD

Members Present

Pam Roberts, Chair
Robert Anderson
Paul Aylward
Tim Fitzgerald
Carol Hinderaker
Don Kattke
Shawn Lyons
David Owen

Others Present

Julie Johnson
Bob Mercer
Deb Mortenson
Marcia Hultman
Pauline Heier
Julie Albano
Monica Harding
Amber Mulder
Dan Thielsen
Melisa Forest
Sharon Schnabel
Dawn Williams

Chairwoman Roberts called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken by Julie Albano. All members were present.

Paul Aylward MOVED to approve the February 12, 2013, minutes. Shawn Lyons SECONDED. Motion carried.

Marcia Hultman gave the Council an introduction to a developing project which would increase the reporting requirements for employers. The enhanced wage record project would require employers to provide additional data to the Department of Labor and Regulation to assist in determining workforce outcomes.

Pauline Heier gave a presentation, and the Council reviewed the State UI Trust Fund projections for 2014 and 2015 and UI Tax Rate proposals. The Council discussed the four UI Tax Rate proposals which included: reduced tax rates/reserve ratios for positive balance employers, reduced reserve ratio for positive balance employers, cap taxable wage base at \$14.00, and 2009 tax rates/reserve ratio. The Council also heard testimony from the public.

After further discussion, Paul Aylward MOVED to proceed with considering legislation to reduce employer unemployment insurance tax rates for all employers effective January 2015. Rob Anderson SECONDED. Motion carried on roll call vote 8-0.

The Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Monday, September 30, 2013, to discuss and finalize their proposal. A conference call will be scheduled to vote for approval.

David Owen MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Don Kattke SECONDED.