

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2011
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD

Members Present: Pam Roberts, Chair, Rob Anderson, Paul Aylward, Tim Fitzgerald, Carol Hinderaker, Don Kattke, Shawn Lyons

Others Present: Pauline Heier, Nathan Lukkes, Dawn Dovre, Mackenzie Osadchuck, Julie Albano, Monica Harding, Deb Mortenson, Bob Mercer, Chet Brokaw, Bob O'Connell, Greg Johnson, Matt Miller, Sharon Schnabel, Gary Krause

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

Shawn Lyons MOVED to approve the January 13, 2011, minutes. Carol Hinderaker SECONDED. Motion Carried.

Chairwoman Roberts welcomed the new Council members: Shawn Lyons, Executive Director, Retailer's Association; Don Kattke, former SD UI Director and Tim Fitzgerald, Program Director, Black Hills Children's Home.

Pauline Heier gave a presentation and discussion was held by the Council on the current financial status of the State UI Trust Fund and the UI projections for remaining 2011 and projected 2012.

Chairwoman Roberts and Pauline Heier reported on legislation passed by the 2011 legislature. SB86 revised the investment fee rate for certain employers. The maximum rate dropped from .55 percent to .53 percent. SB64 provided credit to employers' experience rating accounts for interest paid on their negative account balance. SB125 changed the time period for computing UI tax rates. The timing was changed from December 31 to June 30.

Pauline Heier also reported on several Administrative Rule changes. The changes deleted some obsolete provisions, clarified when UI claims are effective and modified the work search requirement.

Chairwoman Roberts reviewed the draft annual report with the council. It was suggested that a paragraph and visuals regarding the health of the trust fund be added to the report. A revision will be drafted and a conference call scheduled to vote for approval.

Chairwoman Roberts reviewed the items for Council considerations in 2012. The list included drug testing as a precursor to receiving unemployment benefits and revisiting the issue of surcharges.

Chairwoman Roberts opened the floor for public comment but there were none.

Paul Aylward MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Rob Anderson SECONDED. Motion Carried.