

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2015  
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD

**Members Present**

Marcia Hultman, Chair  
Tim Fitzgerald  
Don Kattke  
Shawn Lyons  
David Owen

**Members Absent**

Robert Anderson  
Carol Hinderaker

**Others Present**

Deb Mortenson  
Sharon Schnabel  
Scott Geffre  
Mary Grode  
Dawn Williams  
Tom Hart  
Pauline Heier  
Julie Albano  
Bob Mercer  
Amber Mulder  
Kelsey Baker  
Dawn Dovre  
Jamie Farmen

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

Shawn Lyons MOVED to approve the October 19, 2015, minutes. David Owen SECONDED. Roll call vote was taken with 5 Yea (Hultman, Fitzgerald, Kattke, Lyons, Owen) and 0 Nay.

**Motion carried.**

Chairwoman Hultman stated that former Council member, Shannon Stucker, has moved out of state and a new member will be chosen to fill the vacancy on the council.

The Council received an update on the current state of the UI Trust Fund including financial projections for 2015 and 2016. Defining trust fund adequacy will be the primary topic for the Council in 2016.

Chairwoman Hultman informed the Council about the continual decline in the amount of federal funding the Department receives to administer the UI program. Discussion was held by the Council on two pieces of proposed legislation to assist in funding UI administration. The first piece of legislation would increase the fee for late employer payments and reports from \$5.00 to \$25.00. The second piece of legislation would reduce employer contribution rates and establish a UI administrative fee. Experience-rated employer contributions would receive a reduction in their UI contribution rate of .02 percent effective January 2017. However, the amount of the reduction would still be required by the employer and would go to pay for UI administration costs.

Shawn Lyons from the South Dakota Retailers Association and David Owen from the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce requested additional information and discussion to be held about the proposed legislation prior to the 2016 legislative session. Chairwoman Hultman agreed to reconvene the Council prior to introduction of the bills.

Don Kattke MOVED to adjourn the meeting. David Owen SECONDED. **Meeting adjourned.**