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

Robert Anderson MOVED to approve the December 11, 2015, minutes. Shawn Lyons SECONDED. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Yea (Hultman, Fitzgerald, Kattke, Lyons, Owen, Anderson) and 0 Nay. **Motion carried.**

Chairwoman Hultman provided a brief overview and background information on two pieces of proposed legislation introduced by the Department of Labor and Regulation. The proposed bills are intended to cover a shortfall in funding from the U.S. Department of Labor for UI administrative costs.

Discussion was held by the Council regarding SB43. SB43 increases the current penalty from $5 to $25 for failure to make a required UI payment or submit a wage report. Shawn Lyons MOVED to endorse SB43. Robert Anderson SECONDED. Roll call vote was taken with 5 Yea (Fitzgerald, Kattke, Lyons, Owen, Anderson) 1 excused (Hultman) and 0 Nay. **Motion carried.**

Discussion was also held by the Council regarding SB47. SB47 reduces experience-rated employer contributions by .02 percent beginning January 1, 2017. The amount of the reduction would then be paid into the UI administration fund, which covers UI administration expenses. Robert Anderson MOVED to endorse SB47. David Owen SECONDED. Roll call vote was taken with 5 Yea (Fitzgerald, Kattke, Lyons, Owen, Anderson), 1 excused (Hultman) and 0 Nay. **Motion carried.**

Don Kattke MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Tim Fitzgerald SECONDED. **Meeting adjourned.**