

Meeting Minutes
REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Missouri River Plaza, Sharpe Conference Room
123 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre
May 29, 2024, 1:30 p.m. CDT

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

Members Absent: Dan Schmidt

Others Present: Pauline Heier, Jerry McCabe, Deb Mortenson, Mark Willadsen, Dawn Williams, Brenda Weishaar, Jackson Dircks, Kristi Sandal, Dawn Dovre, Julie Albano

Secretary Hultman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by Julie Albano. A quorum was present.

Nathan Sanderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2023, meeting. Doug Severson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The Council received an update, and a discussion was held on the current state of the UI Trust fund, including financial projections for the remainder of 2024 and projected 2025. The reduced rate tax table (Schedule C) went into effect for 2024. As a result, over 20,000 employers were assessed a zero RA tax rate for 2024. If Schedule B would have been triggered for 2024, less than 5,000 employers would have been assessed a zero rate.

Pauline Heier informed the Council the maximum weekly benefit amount will increase from \$514 to \$532 for new claims filed on or after July 7, 2024, and Schedule C is also projected to be in effect for 2025.

Secretary Hultman discussed with the Council a potential legislative proposal increasing the administrative fee to assist in maintaining the Reemployment Assistance operations. The next meeting will include additional discussion as well as a review of work search requirements.

Secretary Hultman opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments.

Pam Roberts made a motion to adjourn. Nathan Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Hultman adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m. CDT.