

Meeting Minutes
REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 1:30 p.m. CST

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Julie Albano, Dawn Dovre, Pauline Heier, Julie Johnson, Donna Leslie, Jerry McCabe, Bob Mercer, Emily Ward, Mark Willadsen, Dawn Williams

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

Pam Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, meeting. Michael Plank seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Hultman opened a discussion with the Council on the proposed legislation increasing the reemployment assistance administrative fee from .02% to .08% and pairing it with a tax rate decrease for all schedules to help maintain the reemployment assistance operations.

David Owen requested to be on record, expressing his belief that this money should be part of the department's budget. He can support the increase in the administrative fee, so the RA division has adequate resources and stated it makes sense for employers to support the system. He indicated he would be looking for other solutions in his role as State Chamber of Commerce and Industry President. It was the consensus of the Council all employers should participate in supporting the administration of the program.

David Owen made a motion to approve the proposed legislation. Pam Roberts seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED 9-0.**

Secretary Hultman opened the floor for public comments. Julie Johnson and Mark Willadsen provided statements.

Robert Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Douglas Severson seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Hultman adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m. CST.