

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2010  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Dave Collins (via phone); Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Sam Schlosser (via phone); Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Randy Gillespie, Director of Budgets; Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Unemployment; Michelle Marshel, Deputy Commissioner of Communications; Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer; Dustin Stohler, General Counsel; Ron Miller, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer.

Mr. Schlosser, President of the UI Board, opened the annual meeting at 10:00 am and recognized that there was a quorum present. Since he was stepping down from the Board, Mr. Schlosser asked for nominations for the UI Board President for the coming year. Mr. Tully nominated Mrs. Presnoples for President, and after no further nomination were made, a vote was taken and Mrs. Presnoples was unanimously elected President. Mrs. Presnoples then asked for nominations for the UI Board Vice President for the coming year. Mrs. Presnoples nominated Mr. Tully to be UI Board Vice President, and after no further nomination were made, a vote was taken and Mr. Tully was unanimously elected Vice President. Mrs. Presnoples, as the newly elected President, then began the rest of the meeting agenda.

Mrs. Presnoples welcomed guest George Raymond with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Tyler Campbell with the House Republican Caucus.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sanders began in Commissioner Voors absence. Commissioner Voors was at the University of Indianapolis for a previously scheduled meeting. Mr. Sanders stated there had been some claimant confusion regarding the recently passed EUC extension. The latest extension will continue to be funded by Federal dollars and does not add additional weeks to the current 99 maximum weeks that can be collected by eligible claimants. Claimants are encouraged to continue to look for employment.

The Young Hoosier Conservation Corps is starting up again this summer. YHCC will be hiring young Hoosiers to help with the state parks around Indiana as well as Indiana's Department of Transportation and Administration are being added to the program this year in the northern half of the state. Applications will be reviewed in April and interviews will begin in May and hiring will begin once qualified applicants are found. The estimated number of positions to be filled is 2,000.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Presnoples asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes. A motion was made by Dave Collins to accept the March 17, 2010 minutes, which was seconded by Randy Maxwell, and unanimously approved.

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Mary Johnson began with a UI Performance Metrics update. She directed everyone's attention to the handout of the map of the unemployment rate for March 2010 which showed the US Rate at 9.7% and the Indiana rate at 9.9%.

She directed everyone's attention to the next two handouts with charts for claims by week ending in 4/1/2010. There was a significant drop in claimants due to the postponement Federal EUC payments as a result of the delays in Congress. Once Congress approves funding and assuming it is retroactive, the payments will increase back to their previous levels. She stated that the agency has done an excellent job communicating this issue to the claimants.

Mrs. Johnson brought a copy of the new employer protest form that allows employers to protest an unemployment claim by faxing it to the agency where the automated system will enter the information and automatically place a hold on the claim until the issue is resolved.

Mr. Sanders then began with a Trust Fund update. He directed everyone's attention to the handout of the map of the United States showing the states that are currently borrowing. Tennessee and Delaware have both been added to the list. The next two handouts are Unemployed by Region and Unemployment Rate by Region (non-seasonally adjusted). The percentages show that the unemployment rate has not changed much since last year showing that the economy has not improved much over the prior year.

The next handout is a summary of the trust fund revenue for March. The end of the year borrowing amount is projected to be \$2.2 Billion. As of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, if the outstanding loan for trust fund is not repaid in full, the first FUTA tax credit reduction will go into affect for 2010 with the payment due in the first quarter of 2011. Mr. Sanders referred to the last two handouts as he discussed the unemployment penalty and interest fund.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Presnoples asked if there was any new business to be addressed and there was none.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

The next board meeting will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Presnoples adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.