

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
10 N. SENATE AVENUE  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

Members present were Paula Presnoples, President; Dave Collins, Vice President; Kevin Tully; Pete Bitar; and Kent Tolliver. Members attending by phone were Otto Prow and Bill Fredericks. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Bill Nonte, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer; Josh Richardson, Deputy Commissioner; and Jeff Gill, General Counsel.

Ms. Presnoples called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and recognized a quorum was present.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Presnoples asked if members had reviewed the minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting. Mr. Collins made motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Bitar seconded, the motion was approved.

#### OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Mr. Richardson reviewed the slide on the “unemployment rate by state” showing Indiana’s rate at 5.8% in December.

Mr. Richardson reviewed the “initial unemployment claims” showing the number of claims trend line continues to go down.

Mr. Richardson referred to the chart on “weekly claims for unemployment insurance” which shows winter construction layoffs are pushing claims up by a small amount. This shows you have to go back to 2000 and 2001 to match where we are now. There was some discussion regarding the fraud rate and Mr. Richardson told the board he plans to have more thorough slides at the next meeting. Mrs. Presnoples asked for the dollar piece on this and asked to have discussion on fraud and collection of it as an agency item for the next meeting.

Mr. Nonte reviewed the “unemployment trust fund solvency map” showing Indiana as 1 of 10 states that currently have a loan balance. Indiana has an \$881M balance.

Mr. Nonte reviewed the “UI trust fund actual and projected balances” chart showing projection in 2016 to have paid off and as of the end of 2014 the balance was \$854M.

Mr. Nonte closed with the review of the penalty and interest fund showing a balance at the end of the year of \$8.2M. There was some discussion. A copy of above mentioned charts is attached.

Mr. Gill gave a legislative update regarding bills before the Indiana General Assembly and described the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) which allows the agency to intercept a federal tax

refund which will apply to overpayments due to fraud and unreported wages. There was further discussion.

Ms. Presnoples asked Mr. Collins and Mr. Bitar to give a subcommittee update on their meeting with Devon Doss of the Indiana Plan. They reported Mr. Doss put together a draft proposal of information to gauge their successes and where they are going moving forward. Mr. Collins and Mr. Bitar reported it was very much in line with the information expected from Ivy Tech and Vincennes University. There was some discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Presnoples brought two resolutions before the board for approval. One resolution to thank Randy Maxwell for his four years of service and one to Stephen Gootee for his two years of service. Mr. Collins made motion to approve, Mr. Tully seconded, and motion was approved. Ms. Presnoples informed the board Mr. Evans has resigned from the board and requested a resolution be made, Mr. Collins made motion, Mr. Tolliver seconded, and motion was approved.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The next meeting date will be April 15, 2015.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.