

MINUTES OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 2009
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
10 N. SENATE AVENUE – ROOM 301A
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Members present were Dave Collins; Joe Evans; Randy Maxwell; Paula Presnoples; Sam Schlosser; Kent Tolliver and Kevin Tully. Also in attendance from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development were Scott Sanders, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Johnson, Deputy Commissioner of Unemployment; Dustin Stohler, General Counsel; Karen Weber, Director of Legal and Human Resources; and Randy Gillespie, Director of Budget and Accounting.

Mr. Schlosser called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and recognized that there was a quorum present.

Mr. Schlosser welcomes guest George Raymond, from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Dax Ramsey Labor Coordinator for Indiana Plan Construction Training Program. Mr. Ramsey gave a brief introduction of himself and a short explanation of his business with the state plan. He stated that funding the Construction Training Program has helped increase the diversity in the construction trades.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sanders began reporting in Commissioner Voors absence. He reported she was attending a Region 8 Board Meeting. Several of the previous board meetings including the Region 8 have been held at our state parks where our Young Hoosier Conservation Corp workers have been working. This program has been a learning process for these young adults to teach them basic skills that they need to further their careers. Marion County has also done an on-the-job training program this summer and both of these programs will possibly return next year.

Mr. Sanders reported on Green Grants and Green Training that potentially will be funded by stimulus dollars. He noted the convention that was currently being held in Indianapolis regarding weatherization programs with approximately 400 contractors. He cited the Subaru plant as a green facility and the newly constructed wind farms where there are 600 turbines being erected. All of these efforts are contributing to making Indiana a Green State.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Schlosser asked if all Board members had reviewed the previous meetings minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to accept the June 17, 2009 minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Evans and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sanders gave an update on the Unemployment Insurance Annual Report that is being edited to show calendar year as opposed to fiscal year. We are in the process of getting these few changes made and will have the final draft sent out to the board members electronically.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE:

Mr. Sanders begins with unemployment insurance performance metrics. He refers to the handout of the U.S. map showing the 10.7% unemployment rate in Indiana for June 2009. He noted that Michigan's unemployment rate has risen in the past months and is now up to 15.2%.

Mr. Sanders directed everyone's attention to the next hand out, Indiana Claims from January 2008-June 2009. The continued weekly claims decreased from last months due to the migration from State unemployment insurance to the Federal program. The decrease may also show workers going back to their jobs. The next two handouts shown our peak months which was at it's highest in March at 225,372 claims.

Mr. Sanders moved on to the Trust Fund update. At this time he directs everyone's attention to the Trust Fund Preliminary Analysis handout for June. As of July 22, 2009, there has been a total of 1 billion dollars borrowed from the Federal Government for the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Illinois has started borrowing which is shown in the next handout, the map of the United States showing states currently borrowing from Department of Labor for Trust Fund Loans as of July 16th 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

At this time, Mr. Schlosser opened the floor to new business.

Mr. Sanders, along with Mr. Gillespie, present two resolutions regarding funding requests. The first resolution is for the Unemployment Insurance Board to transfer funds from the Special Employment and Training Services Fund and to provide funds for the Apprenticeship programs at certain institutions such as Ivy Tech (\$4.25 million) and Vincennes University (\$1.25 million). Mr. Joe Evans motions for approval and Mr. Kevin Tully seconds motion. Upon further discussion the motion is tabled and a request is made to have a representative from each institution to come to the next meeting and give a presentation on how this funding has been used in the past and the projected outcomes from it. The motion is then withdrawn pending the presentations at the next meeting.

The second resolution is for the Unemployment Insurance Board to transfer funds from the Special Employment and Training Services Fund to provide funds for training and counseling assistance provided to participants in pre-apprenticeship programs for the Indiana Plan and Vincennes University. At this time Mr. Ramsey gives a brief explanation of Indiana Plan's significance relative to this resolution. Indiana Plan has been around for 38 years and works with contractors teaching them the rules and regulations of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and has also worked with organizations such as Black Expo to hire workers to enroll in an apprenticeship programs or G.E.D programs to further their careers. Mrs. Presnoples states the board would like to see how the funds will be spent in order to approve this resolution. Fellow Board members concur with her request. Mr. Ramsey states that he can present at the next UI Board meeting regarding his budget and expected outcomes

from the funding. Once this information is presented, the board will then vote on this resolution.

Mr. Schlosser asks if there is any other new business and the members' state there was none. Mr. Schlosser states he has one more item he would like to address regarding an employer that contacted him regarding how our ALJ's (Attorney Law Judges) operate and how they are held accountable. Mary Johnson replies stating they pass the Indiana Bar exam and go through extensive training and are monitored on compliance. Mr. Schlosser makes a request for information on the ALJ's prior performance. Short discussion ensued.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

The next board meeting will be August 26, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Schlosser adjourns the meeting at 11:10am. Meeting adjourned.