

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Offices of the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
201 E. Washington Avenue, GEF 1, Room F305 (a.m. session) and H306 (p.m. session)

January 7, 2016

The meeting was preceded by public notice as required under Wis. Stat. § 19.84.

Members Present: Janell Knutson (Chair), Earl Gustafson, Michael Gotzler, Ed Lump, John Mielke, Scott Manley, Michael Crivello, Shane Griesbach, Terry Hayden and Mark Reihl.

Department Staff Present: Joe Handrick (Administrator), Lili Crane, Andy Rubsam, Tom McHugh, Amy Banicki, Pam James, Karen Schultz, Robin Gallagher, Tyler Tichenor, Andrew Evenson, and BJ Dernbach

Members of the Public Present: Aaron McKean (Legislative Reference Bureau), Mike Duchek (Legislative Reference Bureau), Victor Forberger (UI Appeals Clinic), Amy Harriman (WI Independent Businesses, Inc.), Kerri Poulson (ABR Employment Services), Kevin Magee (Legal Action of Wisconsin), Vicki Selkove (Legal Action of Wisconsin), and Chris Reader (WI Manufacturing and Commerce)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Ms. Knutson called the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council (Council) to order at 9:35 a.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin's Open Meetings law. Council members introduced themselves. Ms. Knutson recognized staff from the Legislative Reference Bureau and welcomed those in attendance. Ms. Knutson also introduced Andrew Evenson, the department's legislative liaison.

2. Approval of Minutes of the December 17, 2015 Council Meeting

Motion by Mr. Lump, second by Mr. Gotzler to approve the December 17, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review and Discussion of Department Proposals

Ms. Knutson reported that department proposal D15-06 relating to appeals modernization and efficiency is still awaiting Council action.

4. Review and Discussion of Labor and Management Proposals

Ms. Knutson stated that Council members are still considering Labor and Management proposals.

5. Agenda Items for January 21 Meeting

Ms. Knutson stated that the January 21 meeting may be conducted via telephone depending on the agenda.

6. Motion to Caucus

Motion by Mr. Manley, second by Mr. Hayden to recess and go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (ee), to deliberate department proposals and labor and management proposals at 9:45 a.m. All Council members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Report Out of Caucus

The following Council members reconvened at 4:40 p.m.:

Mr. Manley, Mr. Mielke, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Reihl, Mr. Hayden and Mr. Griesbach. Mr. Gotzler participated via teleconference.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Manley, second by Mr. Reihl to approve D15-06 relating to appeals modernization and efficiencies as modified in the form that was submitted to the members in caucus without the change to the law that would define "good cause" in statutes. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Research Requests from Council

Labor members requested the department's written explanation and analysis on the intention of newly created section 108.04 (11) (g) 3. as contained in the agreed bill. The explanation should also include how the law will be applied and provide some examples. The information is to be provided at the next Council meeting.

9. Future Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Manley, second by Mr. Reihl to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.