



# Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee

## Meeting details

**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Zoom

### Committee members present

- Robert Battles
- Julia Gorton
- Tammie Hetrick
- Joe Kendo (proxy for Sybill Hyppolite)
- Kevin Perkey
- Cindy Richardson
- Josh Swanson
- Jerry VanderWood

### Committee members absent

- Sybill Hyppolite
- Brenda Wiest

### ESD staff

- Joy Adams
- Sara Crosby
- Nick Demerice
- Wendy Goldmark
- Matt LaPalm
- Scott Michael
- Jeff Robinson
- Larry Sheahan
- Dan Zeitlin

## Summary

### Meeting Recorded

This meeting was recorded and is available at <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/UIAC/recordings>.

### Welcome and Opening Remarks

Employment Security Department (ESD) Policy Director, Dan Zeitlin, welcomed everyone and asked Wendy Goldmark to take roll. All committee members were present except Sybill Hyppolite and Brenda Wiest. Joe Kendo was proxy for Sybill Hyppolite.

**Agenda**

Dan Zeitlin reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if anyone had any questions. (See Addendum I.)

**Meeting Minutes**

Dan Zeitlin requested that everyone review the meeting minutes for August 19, 2020 and provide their feedback. Cindy Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes for August 19, 2020. Joe Kendo seconded the motion. Dan asked for all members that approve to say, "Aye". All members responded, "Aye". Dan asked for all members that disapprove to say, "Nay". No one responded. Meeting minutes were approved.

**Proclamations and Program Updates**

Dan Zeitlin provided updates on the following:

- Waiting Week Waiver
- Shared Work Charging Waiver
- Job Search Requirement Waiver
- Lost Wages Assistance Program.

**UI Trust Fund**

Dan Zeitlin gave a comprehensive slide presentation on the UI trust fund that met the following objectives:

- Provide overview of current balance and future trust fund projections as of June 2020.
- Demonstrate 2021 tax implications and policy options.
- Provide overview of federal loan (Title XII advance) request process, terms and repayment.
- Demonstrate options to enhance trust fund solvency.

The complete UI trust fund slide presentation can be found [here](#).

**Action Items and Outstanding Questions**

- What kind of liability will the state have if claimants go through the adjudication process and then there are no Lost Wages Assistance Program funds left?
- Will CARES Act money cover the 25% share / state cost of the Lost Wages Assistance program?
- Provide additional examples of other tax rate classes and scenarios for 2020 vs 2021 beyond that provided in the presentation.
- Is there a preset timeframe for how often money is borrowed if needed from the federal government?

**Resources:**

- Link to more information about Lost Wages Assistance: <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/lwa>
- The federal rules governing federal advances to maintain UI trust fund solvency are in 20 C.F.R. Part 606: <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=875a4945ff6eedf10f7bd6fafb171db6&mc=true&node=pt20.3.606&rgn=div5>
- The spreadsheet, and other tax rate related charts for businesses can be found under the heading "calculating your unemployment taxes" on <https://esd.wa.gov/employer-taxes>

**Potential Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- UI Benefits 101
- Rulemaking

**Public Comments**

Anne Paxton, ULP

Kim Clauson

**Adjourned**

Dan Zeitlin thanked everyone for their continued active participation and for their commitment to this work, then ended the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

**Next meeting**

The next Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee meeting is on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 10 am to 12 pm via Zoom.

**Addendum I****Agenda****Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee (UIAC)**Wednesday, September 2, 2020 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Via Zoom

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**Agenda Items**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:00 am	Welcome from Dan Zeitlin, Director, Policy, Data, Performance & Integrity Division, Employment Security Department (ESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda Review</li></ul>
10:05 am	Approval of August 19 Meeting Minutes
10:10 am	Lost Wages Assistance Program Update-Dan Zeitlin, Director, ESD
10:20 am	UI Trust Fund Discussion-Dan Zeitlin, Director, ESD
11:40 am	Next Agenda Discussion
11:50 am	Public Comments
12:00 pm	Adjourn

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