



Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee

Meeting details

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Committee members present

- Robert Battles
- Julia Gorton
- Tammie Hetrick
- Sybill Hyppolite
- Kevin Perkey
- Josh Swanson
- Jerry VanderWood
- Brenda Wiest

Committee members absent

- Cindy Richardson

ESD staff

- Sara Crosby
- Ashlee Delaney
- Wendy Goldmark
- 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 Cindy Richardson.

Agenda

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

September UI Trust Fund Report

Dan Zeitlin gave a comprehensive [slide presentation](#) highlighting the September UI trust fund report and the following key takeaways:

- Under the September UI Trust Fund projections, Washington **will not** need to take out loans from the federal government, though we will need to request an advance (line of credit) in Q1 2021 as required by federal law.
- The Employment Security Department will not need to implement a solvency tax as it determined on September 30 as required by state law that the trust fund had enough reserves to pay 7 months of benefits.
- Under the September UI Trust Fund projections, the flat social tax cap of 1.22% will be in place in 2021 per state law and is projected to be in place in 2022.
- Under September UI Trust Fund projections, there will be a solvency tax in 2022 and 2023.

Action Items

During the discussion, several topics were flagged to revisit at subsequent meetings. A time stamp has been placed after most items to refer to these points in the recordings.

- Request for table explaining rates and impact of rates with different scenarios. 12:12 PM
- Committee requested balance of CARES Act funds.
- Request for information of the distribution of tax liability by rate class when talking about social tax – by industry, business size, what are the different dollar amounts? 12:31PM
- Urgent request for committee to put in request for some of CARES Act money. 12:38PM

Resources

- OFM CARES Distributions <https://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/covid-19-budget-information-agencies/federal-funds-distributed-covid-19-outbreak-response>

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- UI Tax and Trust Fund Issues

Public Comments

- Bruce Beckett

Adjourned

Dan Zeitlin thanked everyone for their continued active participation and for their commitment to this work, then ended the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Next meeting

The next Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee meeting is on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm via Zoom.

Addendum I**Agenda**Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee (UIAC)

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Agenda Items

Time	Topic
11:30 am	Welcome from Dan Zeitlin, Director, Policy, Data, Performance & Integrity Division, Employment Security Department (ESD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Review
11:35 am	September Trust Fund Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dan Zeitlin, Director, ESD- Jeff Robinson, Manager, ESD
12:25 pm	Public Comments
12:30 pm	Adjourn

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