

# CT Low Wage Employer Advisory Board

February 9, 2016  
LOB 1-B at 3:00 p.m.

## Corrected Minutes

**Members Attending:** Art Perry, Susan Coleman, Jamie Mills, Stanley McMillen, James Bhandary-Alexander, Merrill Gay, Helene Figueroa, Eddie Stephens, Deborah Schwartz, Michael Seid

**Members Absent:**

**Other Attendees:** Michael Bartley, David Cooper, Economic Analyst – Economic Policy Institute

### **Introductions and Swearing In:**

The Board welcomed attendees.

Ms. Mills asked if there is anyone who should be invited to give testimony or make a presentation to the Board to please suggest them at the meeting or send the Board's administrator, Mr. Bartley an email. Mr. Seid suggested inviting small business owners, and a discussion followed on which business owners should be invited and who would contact them.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting were adopted with correction – Eddie Stephens and Deborah Schwartz should be noted as present at the meeting.

### **Presentation:**

The Board welcomed David Cooper, the Economic Analyst from the Economic Policy Institute, who gave an informative presentation. During the presentation questions were asked and answered. His presentation can be accessed online at [www.ct.gov/dol](http://www.ct.gov/dol).

### **Overview:**

Mr. Perry stated that no one had volunteered or indicated a preference for the work groups. It was decided to table this request until the Board has a clearer understanding of its focus and projects.

The Board had agreed to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 at the LOB if available or at another location within the state. The next meeting will be held March 8, 2016. The Board will schedule a public hearing in the second half of March and have public speakers at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at a location to be determined, possibly in Bridgeport, at 6:00 p.m.

The Board's administrator, Mr. Bartley will secure a location in Bridgeport or New Haven and will notify the Board via email.

### **Two Vacant Board Seats:**

Ms. Figueroa reminded the Board that there are still two vacancies to fill. She spoke about the need for inclusiveness and the expertise required to move the board forward.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Bhandary-Alexander noted that they have tried to fill the position and will continue to work to do so, but currently there are enough members to function and move the board forward. If needed, more inquiries for nominations will be sent out at a later date.

The meeting began at 3:03 p.m. and adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Notes were taken by L. Ryan (DOL).