

# **The CT Low Wage Employer Advisory Board Meeting**

May 10, 2016 – 3:00 P.M.

The Legislative Office Building, Hartford

Conference Room 1D

## **Minutes**

**Members present:** Co-Chair Jamie Mills, Co-Chair James Bhandary-Alexander, Stanley McMillen, Michael Seid, Kurt Westby, Merrill Gay, Deborah Schwartz, Paul Lavoie, Eddie Stephens and Merle Berkle-Schlessel. **A quorum was reached.**

**Members absent:** Susan Coleman and Helene Figueroa.

**Other Attendees:** CT Department of Labor (DOL) staff Michael Bartley and Christopher Caruso.

With welcoming remarks, Co-Chair Mills convened the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

### **Discussion and Approval of Board Minutes:**

Co-Chair Mills entertained a motion by Stanley McMillen to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2016 Board meeting. To better reflect the process that was agreed to by the Board, Co-Chair Mills then asked that a change be made to the minutes under agenda item, "Discussion and Acceptance of the Agenda." The fifth sentence of the section currently reads, "The Co-Chairs will then convene a meeting of the Board in order to act on the report." The sentence is to be changed to, "The Co-Chairs will then email the report to the Board members for their review and approval." **The motion was seconded by Paul Lavoie and passed unanimously with the recommended change included.**

### **Discussion and Proposal of Acceptance of the Agenda:**

There was no discussion or Board action.

**Presentation on the Impact of Low Wage Jobs on State Tax Revenues:**

Co-Chair Mills introduced Manisha Srivastava, Budget Analyst with the State Office of Policy and Management who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Impact of Low Wage Jobs on State Tax Revenues. A copy of the PowerPoint can be found on the Board's webpage.

**Presentation on Industry and Occupational Outcomes from a Wage Perspective -**

Co-Chair Mills introduced Patrick Flaherty, Assistant Director of Research for the CT Department of Labor who gave a PowerPoint presentation on Industry and Occupational Outcomes from a Wage Perspective. A copy of the PowerPoint can be found on the Board's webpage.

**Discussion and Acceptance of the Board's Interim Report:**

Co-Chair Mills entertained a motion by Stanley McMillen to approve the Board's Interim Report to Legislative Leaders and State Commissioners. There was no discussion. **The motion was seconded by Co-Chair Bhandary-Alexander and approved unanimously.** A copy of the Report can be found on the Board's webpage.

**Public Comment:**

No member of the public addressed the Board.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:**

After Co-Chair Mills thanked the two presenters, a motion to adjourn was made by Paul Lavoie and seconded by Kurt Westby. **The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 4:25 P.M.** The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 3:00 P.M. in Conference Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building, Hartford.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher Caruso  
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