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
CT Department of Labor