

**Employment Security Advisory Board Meeting
Connecticut Department of Labor
November 8, 2019
Minutes**

Attendees

Members: Mark Sullivan, Henry Zaccardi, Sue Garten, Shawn Coyne, Dave Roche, Eric Gjede.

Agency Staff: Commissioner Kurt Westby, Deputy Commissioner Daryle Dudzinski, Deputy Commissioner Dante Bartolomeo, Christopher Lavigne, Susan Garcia Nofi, Kathy Sledge, Danielle Angliss, Kathy Marioni, Mike Lucente, Belinda Aletta, Andy Condon, Anne Rugens, Heidi Lane, Sue Crabb, Susan DeVito.

Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mark Sullivan, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman motioned for approval of the February 28, 2019, March 8, 2019 and March 13, 2019 minutes. All Board members approved the minutes.

UI/ES Division Updates

Department heads provided Division Updates.

Employment Security Appeals Division Proposed Regulations

Susan Garcia Nofi, Chairperson, Board of Review, discussed the Board's proposed updates to the Appeals regulations. Shawn Coyne asked whether the revisions require only agents to submit proposed exhibits 24 hours in advance of the hearing, and which representatives are considered "authorized agents" for purposes of 31-272-5. Susan Garcia Nofi clarified that the proposed revision to 31-237g-22(b)(1) would impose this requirement on all parties and their representatives, and that the requirement is stated again in 31-272-5 because 31-272-1 *et seq.* are the rules of conduct governing authorized agents providing representation for a fee. Eric Gjede provided written comments which included the same concern. Board members were given two weeks to provide any additional comments.

Administrator's Proposed Regulations

Daryle Dudzinski, Deputy Commissioner, discussed the Administrator's proposed updates to the Administrator's Unemployment Compensation regulations. Sue Garten recommended the regulations reflect that it is not in the sole discretion of the Administrator as to whether to conduct a documents-only adjudication at the fact-finding stage or for fraud and non-fraud overpayment proceedings. Dave Roche requested that consideration be made when drafting the Department policy to ensure that, if an individual is on the union's referral list, that the list be considered a union hall for purposes of the regulation. Eric Gjede questioned whether the employer response would ever be less than 7 days, in section 31-222-9(3) of the proposed regulations.

Board members were provided two weeks to provide any further comments.

Advisory Board Discussion – USDOL UI Drug Testing Regulations

This topic to be discussed at next Board meeting.

Legislative Update

Heidi Lane discussed legislation passed at the most recent legislative session which impacts the Department's Employment Security Division.

Future Agenda Items

Meetings are scheduled for January 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and February 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Upon the Chairman's motion, members agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.