

**Employment Security Advisory Board Meeting
Connecticut Department of Labor
March 20, 2020
Minutes**

Attendees Via Teleconference

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, Mike Lucente, John Matteis, Andy Condon, Patrick Flaherty, Anne Rugens, Heidi Lane, Kathy Marioni, Susan DeVito.

Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mark Sullivan, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:33 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman motioned for approval of the January 10, 2020 minutes. All Board members approved the minutes.

UI/ES Division Updates

Discussion focused on the surge of unemployment claims, lack of staff and overwhelming issues with respect to the pandemic.

Advisory Board Discussion

Commissioner Westby and Mike Lucente discussed the crisis facing the Trust Fund.

Board members discussed updating the previously issued Letter of Support. Mark Sullivan requested that the Board members provide their thoughts within the next few days to Anne Rugens who will draft a new letter to the Governor. Mark mentioned that structural inadequacies due to the pandemic and the dedicated services from staff should be included in the letter.

Future Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Upon the Chairman's motion, members agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.