

**Employment Security Advisory Board Meeting
Connecticut Department of Labor
March 7, 2014
Minutes**

Members Present: Mark Sullivan, Eric Gjede, Shawn Coyne, Henry Zaccardi, John Toomey, John Barrasso, Sue Garten

Absent: John Olsen

Agency Staff: Deputy Commissioner Dennis Murphy, Carl Guzzardi, Chris Paquette, Stephen Lattanzio, Anne Rugens, John Matteis, Susan DeVito.

Introduction

Chairman Mark Sullivan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 a.m.

Mark recognized the circulation to the Advisory Board members of the proposed Task Force language initiated by Advisory Board member Sue Garten. Mark noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the role that the ES Advisory Board could possibly play in advising the Labor Commissioner on the issue of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund. Mark referenced the Board's governing statute, Section 31-250a of the general statutes.

Deputy Commissioner Murphy expressed Commissioner Palmer's wish that, rather than pursuing the Task Force bill, the Advisory Board consider pursuing in depth discussions with the Department to ultimately produce a product which could be presented to the Commissioner in support of efforts to promote UI Program reform legislation.

All present members of the Advisory Board expressed a willingness to meet on a more frequent basis to work towards creating such a product. Sue Garten noted that any vacancies on the Advisory Board should be filled as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 17th, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.