

# **Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council**

### Meeting

March 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### The public may attend by teleconference:

Phone: 415-655-0003 or 855-282-6330 (toll free) or <a href="WebEx">WebEx</a> Meeting Number (Access Code): 145 938 8967 Meeting Password: DWD1 Meeting Materials: <a href="https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uibola/uiac/meetings.htm">https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/uibola/uiac/meetings.htm</a>

## **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Council Meeting
- 3. Department Update
- 4. Trust Fund Update Tom McHugh
- 5. <u>Joint Enforcement Task Force on Payroll Fraud and Worker</u> Misclassification Report 2021
- 6. <u>Unemployment Insurance Fraud Report</u>
- 7. State Legislation Update
  - Special Session on Unemployment Insurance Information Technology Modernization (2021 WI Act 4)
  - Governor's Biennial Budget Bill (AB 68 / SB 111)
  - The Unemployment Insurance Waiting Period (SB 224)
- 8. Federal Legislation Update: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
  - NASWA Summary
- 9. Rulemaking Update
  - Emergency Rule 2018, DWD Ch. 102 (Eff. 6/29/20 3/25/21)
    - Employer contribution rates for 2021.

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- Emergency Rule 2034, DWD Ch. 120 (Eff. 11/2/20 3/31/21)
  - Providing notification of the availability of unemployment insurance to employees at the time of separation from employment.
  - JCRAR hearing on 60-day extension request 3/18/21 at 2pm.
- Emergency Rule 2044, DWD Ch. 123 (Eff. 12/7/20 5/5/21)
  - Benefit charges for initial claims related to the public health emergency declared by Executive Order 72.
- Emergency Rule 2106, DWD Chs. 127 & 128 (Eff 2/11/21-7/10/21)
  - Work search waivers, availability for work, and work available for people filing claims with the unemployment insurance program during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Public Hearing: March 24, 2021 at 10:00 am by WebEx
- Emergency Rule 2108, DWD Ch. 113 (Eff. 3/1/21 7/28/21)
  - Waiving interest in limited circumstances for employers subject to reimbursement financing when reimbursements are delinquent due to COVID-19.
  - Public Hearing: March 24, 2021 at 11:00 am by WebEx
- 10. Department proposals for the Wisconsin Unemployment Insurance Law
- 11. Research Requests
- 12. Future Meeting Dates: April 15, 2021; May 20, 2021, June 17, 2021
- 13. Adjourn

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- ❖ The Council may take up action items at a time other than that listed.
- ❖ The Council may not address all agenda items or follow the agenda order. The Council may discuss other items, including those on any attached lists.
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