

DUA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 2022

MINUTES

Council Attendees: Richard Marlin, John Drinkwater, Christopher Carozzi, Sam Larson

EOLWD/DWD/DUA/Public Attendees: Connie Carter, David Gold, John Saulnier, Marie-Lise Sobande, Katie Dishnica, Wendy Savary, Jeannie Pena, Paul Fitzgerald, Mavis Smith, Lisa Hemmerle, Maria Caira

A virtual meeting was held via Webex.

Motion was proposed to approve the May 26, 2022, meeting minutes.

- Motion was seconded
- Vote on Motion – all in favor to approve

Discussion regarding the overpayment waiver regulations.

- Motion was proposed to move forward with the overpayment waiver regulations by David Gold. Current Emergency Regulations are set to expire on July 18, 2022. DUA is seeking approval to make those regulations permanent and to go through a formal rule making procedure with the Secretary of State's office.
 - Vote on motion - two members were in favor and two members were opposed on moving forward with the overpayment waiver regulations
 - The Advisory Council members requested more information regarding how the existing bonding regulations, current and possible future legislative funding and commitment, current federal funding, repayment obligation and period, as well as any repayment options to the Feds and Treasury, has and would affect claimants, employers and impact the UI Trust Fund, in order re-discuss at next month's meeting.

Lisa Hemmerle, Director, Department of Economic Research provided an overview of the UI Trust Fund Report issued May, 15, 2022 and answered questions related to the report. She also provided a link to the UI Trust Fund Reports:

<https://lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/UnemploymentInsurancetrustfund#>, as well as to her email: lisa.hemmerle@detma.org.

Acting Director Carter, DUA Update:

- The bonding is to repay the US Treasury Unemployment Trust Funds.
- UI Modernization Project on track, a contract was signed with FAST Enterprises and Richard Jeffers is the lead on project.
 - Mr. Larson requested that a copy of the UI Modernization Project contract and that regular updates on this project be provided to all of the Advisory Council members now and in the future and would like to be actively involved in designing the new one.
 - Acting Director Carter will let Mr. Jeffers know of their request, ask him to participate, give comments and be available for discussion and will also send a copy of the UI Modernization Project contract to all of the Advisory Council members.
 - Mr. Larson also requested a copy of a chart that Secretary Acosta's office presented from the Commission meeting two months ago. Ms. Carter indicated she would look into that.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022, at 9:30am.