

Meeting details

Date: Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

Time: 10:00 pm –11:00 am

Location: Zoom

Committee members and alternates present

Employee Representatives

- Cindy Richardson, UNITE HERE Local 8
- John Traynor, Washington State Labor Council
- Brenda Wiest, Teamsters 117

Employer Representatives

- Katie Beeson, Washington Food Industry Association (alternate)
- Josie Cummings, Avista
- Lindsey Hueer, Association of Washington Businesses

General Public Representatives

- John Glynn, Washington Workforce Association

ESD staff

- Joshua Dye
- Vaughn Ellis
- Cami Feek
- Stephanie Frazee
- Camille Galeno
- Wendy Goldmark
- Colin Helsley
- Kennidi Hunsicker
- Lawrence Larson
- Marypat Meuli
- Tanya Nijemcevic

Committee members and alternates absent

- Julia Gorton, Washington Hospitality Association
- Monica Holland, Northwest Justice Project (alternate public rep)
- Joe Kendo, Washington State Labor Council (alternate employee rep)
- Allyson O'Malley-Jones, Northwest Justice Project (alternate public rep)
- Anne Paxton, Unemployment Law Project

- JR Richards
- Stephanie Sams
- Eve Sheng
- Lora Wood

Summary

Meeting Recorded

This meeting was [recorded](#) and livestreamed by TVW. Please reference this recording for further meeting details and full dialogue using the indicated timestamps.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Committee chair JR Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked committee assistant Colin Helsley to call roll.

Agenda

JR reviewed the following agenda items (also see Addendum I)

- Approval of February 19, 2025, meeting minutes
- Welcome and Update
- Rulemaking Update
- Legislation Update
- Report out on EAMs updates for employers
- Public comment
- Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

JR requested that committee members review the February 19, 2025, draft UIAC meeting minutes and provide their feedback. Lindsey Hueer moved to approve the minutes. Josie Cummings seconded the motion. All in favor said “aye”. No members were opposed. The February 19, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

Welcome and Update

Cami Feek, Employment Security Department Commissioner, provided an update that as of February 1, JR Richards has stepped into the role of our first Director of Insurance Services Division. This newly established position reflects a broader vision to unify and strengthen service delivery across UI, Paid Leave, and WaCares.

JR Richards gave the committee members an opportunity to ask questions. No questions were raised.

Rulemaking Update

Stephanie Frazee, Legislation and Rules Coordinator, ESD provided a rulemaking update using the following slides.

Rulemaking



- **Address Change Requirement** – We are adding an explicit requirement that employers provide their new address to the Department within 30 days after an address change. We filed the CR 102 to formally propose the rules. Hearing will be on March 27 at 10:00.
- **Space Force** – We are updating the rule on mandatory military transfers to include all members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including Space Force. We held the hearing on March 6 and are working on formally adopting the rule.
- **CRO Filing** – Working on the CR 101 for a rule amendment to clarify filing requirements with the Commissioner's Review Office.

No questions were raised.

Legislation Update

Josh Dye, Interim Government Relations Director, ESD to present information from the following slides on Government Relation Updates.

Legislation update



Bills we are tracking

ESSB 5041

Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers

Public hearing LAWS 3/18
Exec session LAWS 3/21

ESSB 5525

Concerning mass layoffs, relocations and terminations

Referred to LAWS

ESSB 5459

Call center retention

Public hearing LAWS 3/19

SSB 5400

Supporting local journalism

Public hearing W&M 3/18

Legislation update



Bills previously reported on that did not make cutoff

SB 5722

Grant program to promote workforce development

HB 1773 and SB 5626

Creating wage replacement program for certain workers excluded from UI

HB 1313

Concerning mass layoffs, relocations and terminations

HB 1682

Part-time workers in UI system

HB 1843 & SB 5540

Student Disqualification UI

No questions were raised.

Report out on Employer Account Management System updates

Tanya Nijemcevic, Product Manager for UI Employer, ESD provided a report out on employer account management system updates using the following slides.

Report out on Employer Account Management System updates



Employer Account Management System (EAMS) updates:

- Simplified navigation; reducing steps from up to 11 to just 2, depending on scenario.
- Enhanced user experience; user-centric design includes improved quarterly filing flow with clearer language allowing for faster and more accurate filing.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

File Quarterly Report • Form

1st quarter 2025 (JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31)

BUSINESS: BARRY W BRANDENBURG PS

ESD # 000-135676-00-7

Import wages

Import from file

Copy from prior quarter

No payroll to report?

I'm filing a NO payroll report

Employee Wages

#	SSN	Last name	First name	Middle name	Suffix	Hours	Wages	SOC code
1							\$	

Total employees: 0

Total hours: 0

Total wages: \$0.00

Annual taxable wage base: \$72,800.00

+ Add

- Remove

Out of State Wages

Rows 1-1 of 1

Rows per page: 10

Exempt officers

Instructions for reporting officer wages

Number of exempt officers *

Sum of exempt officer earnings this quarter: *

Exercised stock options

Include all employees - including officers - in this section.

Sum of all exercised stock options by all employees this quarter: *

Total employees each month

For each month of the quarter, enter the number of all full-time and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the period that includes the 12th day of the month. This should include employees receiving sick leave or accident leave pay. Do not include employees on strike for the entire payroll period. Employee counts displayed on this screen must not be greater than the total number of employees entered in the Employee Wages table (0 employees reported in this filing).

January *

February *

March *

Exit report...

Save and validate

Review report

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CONFIRM REPORT DETAILS

Your report has not been submitted yet. Please review the data in your report and then click the "Submit Report" button at the end to finalize the report.

Edit report

Business information

LEGAL ENTITY NAME: BARRY W BRANDENBURG

DOING BUSINESS AS: BARRY W BRANDENBURG PS

ESD #: 000-135676-00-7

SIN: ***-**-8426

URI: 602-042-912

BUSINESS STRUCTURE: Corporation

MAILING ADDRESS: VANCOUVER WA 98660-3033

Preparer information

NAME: CAMS Demo

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EMAIL: barrya.ngiemerovic@esd.wa.gov

Employee wages summary

TOTAL EMPLOYEES	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL OUT OF STATE WAGES
1	40	\$0.00

Total employees each month

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1	1	1

Exempt earning

EXEMPT OFFICERS	SUM OF EXEMPT OFFICER EARNINGS
0	\$0.00

SUM OF EXERCISED STOCK OPTIONS BY ALL EMPLOYEES: \$0.00

Amount due for Washington wages

Gross wages: \$2,000.00

Excess wages: \$0.00

Total taxable wages: \$2,000.00

UI tax due: \$10.20

EAF tax due: \$0.60

Late report penalty: \$0.00

Penalties, interest, balance, credit: \$0.00

Total amount due: \$10.80

Employee Wages

#	SSN	Last name	First name	Middle name	Suffix	Hours	Wages	SOC code
1	***-**-6789	brandenburg	barry			40	\$2,000.00	11-1021

Total employees: 1 Total hours: 40 Total wages: \$2,000.00 Annual taxable wage base: \$72,800.00

Rows 1-1 of 1 Rows per page: 10

THIS UNEMPLOYMENT QUARTERLY REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED

Please click the Submit report button to complete the submission process. After doing so, you should see a Confirmation displaying a confirmation number.

In case of technical difficulties the submission may fail; if so, please try again at a later time. If issues persist, contact Technical Support at JITTSysupport@esd.wa.gov.

Exit report...

Edit report

Submit report

For questions about Standard Occupational Classification code reporting, contact socreporting@esd.wa.gov. For all other questions, contact the Account Management Center at 855-829-9243 or amc@esd.wa.gov.

No questions were raised.

Public Comments

JR offered an opportunity for committee members to bring up any topics they would like to discuss before public comments.

Josie Cummings, Avista, congratulated JR on her new role and recommended that a future meeting include an update on JR's current projects and see how the UIAC can better partner with the programs JR is leading to identify opportunities for increased efficiency.

JR thanked Josie and confirmed we will be adding that as a future agenda item.

JR reminded meeting participants that if they would like their comments captured in the meeting minutes to please email them to camille.galeno@esd.wa.gov.

Public Comment



- If you would like to make public comment, please state your name and spell it so we can capture it correctly for the minutes, as well as the organization you represent if any.
- Reminder:** Your comments are being recorded.
- If you would like your comments to be included in the meeting minutes, please submit them in writing via email to Camille Galeno at camille.galeno@esd.wa.gov. *(Camille's email will be posted in the chat)*
- Please limit your comments to **two minutes**.

No public comments were made.

Adjourned

JR thanked everyone for joining and adjourned the meeting.

Action Items

No action items.

Next meeting

April 30th, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Addendum I

Agenda

Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee (UIAC)

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 10:00 am- 11:00 am | Via Zoom| 212 Maple Park Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Time	Topic
10:00 am	Welcome from JR Richards, Director, Unemployment Insurance Customer Support, Employment Security Department (ESD) o Agenda overview
10:00 am	Approval of Feb 19, 2025, meeting minutes – JR Richards
10:05 am	Welcome and Update – Cami Feek
10:20 am	Rulemaking – Stephanie Frazee
10:25 am	Legislative updates – Josh Dye
10:35 am	Report out on EAMs updates for employers – Tanya Nijemcevic
10:45 pm	Public Comment
	Adjourn

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Addendum II



Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee

January 2025 – December 2025 Meeting Dates

Date	Location	Host	Notes
January 29, 2025 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
February 19, 2025, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
March 19, 2025, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
April 30, 2025, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
June 25, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
August 20, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
September 17, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
October 22, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting
December 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom	ESD	Recorded meeting

NOTE: Hosts may have the opportunity to present to the committee and bring invited guests as part of our meeting agenda.

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