

**STATE OF NEVADA
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION (ESD)**

**Hearing to adopt the Amended Regulation for the 2019 Unemployment
Insurance (UI) Tax Rate Schedule for Nevada Employers**

2019 TAX RATE REGULATION HEARING

Thursday, December 5, 2019; 10:00 A.M.

Place of Meeting:	<u>Live Meeting:</u>	<u>Video Conference to:</u>
	Legislative Building	Grant Sawyer Building
	401 S. Carson Street, Room 3137	555 E. Washington Ave., Room 4401
	Carson City, Nevada 89701	Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Staff:

Present in Carson City

DETR Jeffrey Frischmann, ESD Deputy Administrator/DETR
Edgar Roberts, Chief of Contributions, ESD/DETR
Jeremy Hays, Bureau of Research & Analysis, Economist II, DETR
Troy Jordan, Senior Attorney, ESD/DETR
Jo Anne Wiley, ESD Manager, ESD/DETR
Josh Marhevka, Management Analyst IV, ESD/DETR
Mikki Reed, Management Analyst III, ESD/DETR
Stewart Terry, Management Analyst II, ESD/DETR
Joyce Golden, Administrative Assistant III, ESD/DETR
Kimberly Gaa, Employment Security Division (ESD) Administrator/DETR
Brian Deem, Management Analyst II, ESD/DETR
Alessandro Capello, Bureau of Research & Analysis, Economist III, DETR

Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) Staff

Present in Las Vegas

Art Martinez, Contributions, ESD/DETR

Members of the Public, Media and Other Agencies:

Present in Carson City

Geoff Dornan, Nevada Appeal

Present in Las Vegas

None

GAA: Good morning, my name is Kimberly Gaa, I am the Administrator for the Employment Security Division for the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation. I am calling this meeting to order. This public hearing this morning is to receive comments on a proposed regulation to establish the Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate Schedule for calendar year 2020. NRS 612.550 requires that the Administrator of the Employment Security Division establish the tax rate schedule each year by regulation. So, Agenda Item number 2 is opportunity for public comment; if there's anybody wishing to make a public comment please come forward. We will be limiting the comments to 5 minutes each, and if there is written testimony to present please provide that to staff so it can be placed in the record. Is there anybody in Las Vegas, Art?

MARTINEZ: Art Martinez, Las Vegas Field Audit. No, no public comment from Las Vegas.

GAA: Thanks Art. Anybody from Carson City? Seeing no-one in Carson City, we'll go ahead and close the first opportunity for public comment and move on to Agenda Item number 3, confirmation of posting. Mr. Terry, was proper notice for this hearing provided and did you receive proper confirmation of its posting in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 241.0203?

TERRY: Stewart Terry for the record, Management Analyst 2 for the Employment Security Division Management and Administration Support Services unit. Yes, proper notice was

provided for this meeting pursuant to Nevada's open meeting law, NRS 241.020 and confirmation of posting was received.

GAA: Thank you Mr. Terry. Next agenda item number 4, a review of any written comments. Mrs. Golden, have any written comments been received regarding this hearing? And for the record, please provide your full name and position.

GOLDEN: Joyce Golden for the record, administrative assistant to the division administrator. No written comments were received for this meeting.

GAA: Thank you Mrs. Golden. Moving on to agenda item 5, review of amended regulation to the 2020 tax rate schedule. A regulation workshop of the Employment Security Council to solicit comments from interested parties as well as the public was conducted on October 3rd, 2019 as required by NRS 233B.061 and NRS 233B.0608. At that meeting, the Employment Security Council recommended that the Employment Security Division Administrator reduce the average UI contribution rate to 1.65% for calendar year 2020. With this updated rate of 1.65% average contribution rate, the total cost paid by Nevada employers will fall from 1.90% on average to 1.70% of wages subject to contributions. No public comments were received at the Employment Security Council Meeting held on October 3rd, 2019. One public comment expressing support of the rate reduction was received from the Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce, which was read into the record in our Small Business Workshop held on October 23rd, 2019. As Administrator of

the Employment Security Division, I am taking the recommendation of the council and formally adopting this rate into regulation today. Moving on to agenda item number 6, closing public comment. Has anybody shown up in Las Vegas that wishes to make public comment?

MARTINEZ: Art Martinez, no public comment from Las Vegas.

GAA: Thank you. Anybody in Carson City? Seeing nobody in Carson City or Las Vegas, we'll go ahead and close the opportunity again for public comment. We are hereby adjourning this hearing, and we will return at 10:30 for our small business impact workshop. Thank you.