

**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
TWC Building - Room 244
101 East 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78778-0001**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
1:00 p.m.
DOCKET 7**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Chairman Pauken called the meeting to order, then turned over agenda items 2 through 5 to Commissioner Alcantar.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Whether to Assume Continuing Jurisdiction on Unemployment Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or Tax Liability Cases and Reconsideration of Unemployment Compensation Cases, Wage Claim Cases, and/or Tax Liability Cases, if Any

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Tax Liability Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 7

The Commission considered and took action on all tax liability cases listed on Docket 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Wage Claim Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 7

The Commission considered and took action on all wage claim cases listed on Docket 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Higher Level Appeals in Unemployment Compensation Cases Listed on the Texas Workforce Commission Docket 7

The Commission considered and took action on all unemployment compensation cases listed on Docket 7.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Public Comment

No one registered for public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Workload Issues Concerning Texas Workforce Commission Agency Unemployment Insurance Activities LaSha Lenzy and Steve Riley

Ms. Lenzy addressed the workload issues concerning Unemployment Insurance activities. She reported that the number of toll-free busy signals continues to drop and, as of Saturday, February 14, had decreased 42.45% from the number recorded from the previous week. Ms. Lenzy added that the Tele-Centers hired and began training an additional 29 new staff last week for a total of 808 FTEs, approaching the goal of 860. Customer calls were taken on Presidents' Day, a holiday, which allowed for the handling of 14,672 calls and the closing of 4,200 assignments. Ms. Lenzy mentioned that some calls have been received regarding the stimulus packet, specifically concerning the additional \$25 per week in Unemployment benefits. Specifics and requirements have not yet been received from the Federal government for implementation, but more details are expected to result from a conference call tomorrow with the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Ms. Lenzy noted that TWC will do a press release and will put up a message on the Internet and also on our phone system once details are clear. UI Support Services mailed "starter kits" to each Workforce Center to assist in addressing the questions and needs of UI claimants who visit their offices. Ms. Lenzy added that the kit will go a long way toward helping the Workforce Center staff to handle the influx of claimants to the centers.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Legislative Proposals by the Texas Workforce Commission to the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2009)
Tom McCarty

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Enacted, Proposed or Considered Federal Regulations, Executive Orders or Federal or State Enacted or Proposed Legislation
Jesse Lewis

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Resource Utilization, Implementation, Operations, and Funding for Services in Response to the Hurricane Ike Disaster Relief
Larry Temple

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Report and Update by the Executive Director and Staff Regarding Administrative Matters, Including Internal Policies and Procedures, Customer and Board Service Issues, Status of Project Assignments, Organizational Matters and Responsibilities of the Agency's Divisions
Larry Temple

No discussion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

The Commissioners went into executive session at 1:32 p.m. pursuant to Government Code §551.071(1), Contemplated Litigation or the Pending Litigation of Ignacio M. Perez v. Texas Workforce Commission and Adecco, Inc. and Joseph C. Green v. Texas Workforce Commission. The Commissioners came out of executive session at 1:55 p.m. and voted unanimously not to appeal the Perez case.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.