

MINUTES

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

September 4, 2024
Virtual Meeting

Council Members Present

Senator Renee Erickson – Chairperson
Senator Caryn Tyson
Representative Susan Estes
Representative Stephanie Sawyer Clayton
Representative Sean Tarwater
Katie Givens
Phil Hayes
Jake Miller
Jeff Oswald
Amber Shultz
Shelbye Smith

Members Absent

Senator Jeff Pittman
Shawana Woods

Staff Present

Mike Ditch, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)
Edward Penner, KLRD
Steven Wu, KLRD
Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Harris, Committee Assistant

Conferees

Ashley Hamm, UI Business System Quality Manager, Kansas Department of Labor
Jeffrey Griffin-Smith, UI Deputy Chief of Tax, Kansas Department of Labor

**Wednesday, September 4
Afternoon Session
Virtual-only Meeting**

Call to Order and Welcome

Chairperson Erickson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and welcomed Council members and staff.

New Unemployment Compensation System First Look

Chairperson Erickson recognized Amber Schultz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor. Secretary Shultz introduced herself and recognized Jeffrey Griffin-Smith, UI Deputy Chief of Tax, and Ashley Hamm, UI Business System Quality Manager, both from the Kansas Department of Labor, and stated they would provide the Go Live tour of the new unemployment system.

Secretary Shultz presented an update on the unemployment insurance operations status, a review of several provisions from HB 2570, a project overview for the new unemployment system, communication plans, and Go Live expectations ([Attachment 1](#)).

Secretary Shultz stood for questions.

Jeffrey Griffin-Smith presented the Go Live tour for employers that will be using the system. Ashley Hamm presented the Go Live tour for claimants that will be using the system. The conferees stood for questions.

Adjourn

Chairperson Erickson informed the Council that there was no further business and adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Prepared by Cindy Harris

Edited by Edward Penner

Approved by the Committee on:

November 5, 2025

(Date)