

Date: 5/14

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

- Representative Josh Cutler
- Senator Patricia Jehlen
- Secretary Rosalin Acosta
- Director Richard Jeffers
- Evan Horowitz - Tufts
- Brooke Thompson - AIM
- Karen Andreas - North Shore Chamber
- Eileen McAnneny - MTF
- Hannah Tanabe - GBLS
- Diana Estime - Union of Minority Neighborhoods
- Carolyn Ryan - Greater Boston Chamber
- Christopher Anderson - High Tech Council
- Kelsey Cintolo - Massachusetts Competitive Partnership
- Steve Clark - Mass High Tech Council
- Chris Carozzi - NFIB
- Stephanie Herron Rice - MLAC
- Sam Gebru - BECMA
- Jon Hurst - RAM
- Dan Wolf - Representing Mass Business Alliance
- John Drinkwater - AFL-CIO
- Rich Marlin - Mass building trades council

Short remarks from the co-chairs

All members gave brief Introductions

Presentation from the Department of Unemployment Assistance on the current status and projection of unemployment claims and the solvency projection for the unemployment trust fund
- Secretary Rosalin Acosta (PowerPoint)

- The Unemployment System has paid out \$22 billion in unemployment benefits to about 1 million claimants. \$5.9 billion in benefit obligations came from UI trust, remaining came from Federal programs such as PUA, PEUC.
- As of March 31, the preliminary Mass unemployment trust fund ending balance was - \$2.927 billion. Massachusetts has borrowed 2.2 billion in 2020 and an additional \$10.8 million in Jan 2021.
- Nearly 493,000 people are currently receiving unemployment assistance, with about 88,000 receiving regular State UI. The remaining recipients are on federally funded programs. 3,171 are receiving extended benefits, 221,903 are receiving PEUC, and 179,434 receiving PUA

Following the presentation, there was a brief question and answer period

Brief discussion of schedule for next meetings and public hearing. Considering suggestion of holding a public hearing some time other than the middle of the day, to allow testimony from a wider array of participants. Next hearing will be June 4th at 1, where there will be a discussion of other state UI systems.

Meeting adjourned.