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Workforce Investment Council

Industry-Based Certification Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

9:30 AM – 10:35 AM

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Chairman David St. Etienne called to order the regular meeting of the Industry Based Certification Committee at **9:30 am** on August 24, 2021, at 1001 N. 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804 Zoom/Administrative Building Executive conference room.

- **Executive Counsel Meridith Trahant read a portion of the La. R.S. 42:17.1 Certification:**

- On March 11, 2020, in Executive Proclamation 25 JBE 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for Louisiana due to COVID-19. The state of emergency was extended in subsequent Executive Proclamations with the most recent extension in 145 JBE 2021 on August 6, 2021. The state of emergency is a public health one and an in-person meeting of the HR 118 Task Force hosted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the HR 118 Task Force, Meridith J. Trahant, hereby certifies that the agenda of the meeting is limited to 1) matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship and 2) matters that are critical to continuation of business of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and are not able to be postponed due to other deadlines that cannot be postponed or delayed.
- As such, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the HR 118 Task Force meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9:30 AM will be held by video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings law.

II. Roll call

WIC Director Jawanda J. Givens conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Number in attendance: 12 Obtained quorum: Yes

Email checklist			
X	Member	X	Designee
	IBCC Chairman David St. Etienne	X	
	Secretary Ava Cates	X	Kellie Taylor White
	WIC Chairman Bruce Busada	X	
	Keith Brand	X	
	Camille Conaway	X	
	Kelsey Osman,DOC	X	
	Jessica Valleungo	X	
	Mike Palamone	X	
	Louis Reine		
	Susie Schowen	X	
	Janice Sneed	X	
	Dr. Lisa Williams	X	
	Gayle Flowers	X	

	Kayotta Lewis		
	Meridith Trahant	X	
	Danielle Barringer	X	
	Kandice Doley	X	

III. Review and approval of Previous Minutes:

Motioned to approve minutes:

1st Bruce Busada

2nd Mike Palamone

No objections or abstentions. Motion carries.

IV. Comments – David St. Etienne: Chairman St. Etienne: Thanks Committee members and guests for being present.

V. Presentation and Review of open IBC applications:

1. Ducks Unlimited

Guest Speaker: Mark Horobetz/Kelli Neuman/Lucien Laborde

- Kellie Taylor White notes that this credential does not currently meet the criteria for placement on the statewide focus list.
 - Jessica Vallelungo informs that it came out of Ag Ed Commission with high support.
 - Susie Schowen thinks it would be a great addition to the focus list.
- Bruce Busada is concerned if there are not going to be numerous well paying jobs coming out of this for students who do not pursue higher education.
- Chairman St. Etienne echoes Mr. Busada’s concerns. Asks LCTCS if there is a dual credit available?
 - Camille Conaway responds that this is an ever-changing field. That is the direction it is going as a dual accreditation. Every job does not have to be high wage and high demand out the gate. Those are very rare. This is more of an “on-ramp” credential. Trusts the AgEd Commission’s support of it.
- Eric, Chair of AgEd Commission, supports the credential.
- Bruce Busada asks what level it will be at?
 - Chairman St. Etienne states that it will be at a lower level now, as a basic.

Motion		1 st Camille Conaway moves to accept as basic					
Second		2 nd Mike Palamone					
Yea	Nay	Ab	Member	Yea	Nay	Ab	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		Secretary Ava Cates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Janice Sneed
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	<input type="checkbox"/>		Louis Reine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Abstentions: Yes None x
 Opposition: Yes None x
 Approved: Yes x None

Unanimous vote

Comments:

VI. Public Comment

- a. None

VII. Adjournment

- a. Bruce Busada moves to adjourn
- b. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am

Previous minutes approved by quorum of the IBCC December 8, 2021