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**John Bel Edwards**, Governor  
**Ava Dejoie**, Secretary

**Workforce Investment Council**

## Workforce Investment Council Meeting

March 10, 2021  
9:30 AM

This meeting will be available via Zoom and members of the public are encouraged to provide comments to [WIC@lwc.la.gov](mailto:WIC@lwc.la.gov) and/or the Zoom chat function.

**Public access through:**

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**I. Call to order Call to order - – Chairman Bruce Busada**

Meridith Trahan read the Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum.

**II. Swearing in of new members**

- Jason Cobb
- Charles “Chuck” Henderson
- Gina Jones
- Sandra Thompson-Herman

**III. Roll call –**

**WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White      Quorum: Yes    Time: 9:37**

10-Mar-21				
First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Bruce	Busada	X		
Joseph	Ardoin	X		
Paul	Arrigo	X		
Valerie	Aymond	X		
Melissa	Bayham	X		Ken York
Ada	Bell			Sonia Wilson
Keith W	Brand			
Cade	Brumley		X	Jessica Vallelungo
Barbara	Carpenter			
Conrad	Carriere	X		

Troy	Carter			
Jason	Cobb	X		
Michael	Danahay			
Stephen	David	X		
Jason	Dedon	X		
Ava	Dejoie	X		Renita Williams
John Bel	Edwards			Ava Dejoie
Jason	Engles	X		
Thelma	French	X		
Larry	Frieman	X		
Larry	Gibbs			
Randy	Hayden	X		
Charles "Chuck"	Henderson, Jr.			
John	Hopkins			
Edward R	Jones			
Gina	Jones	X		
Leigh	King	X		
Norisha	Kirts	X		
Kirk	LaCour	X		
James "Jimmy"	LeBlanc		X	Rhett Covington
Robert J. "Bob"	Lobos	X		
Melissa	Mann	X		
Gerry	Mims			
Brent	Moreland	X		
Susan	Nelson			Ernest Stevens
Michael P. "Mike"	Palamone	X		
Barrow	Peacock	X		Margaret Corley
Sonia A.	Perez			
Don	Pierson		X	Susie Schowen
Kim	Reed			Lisa Vosper
Louis	Reine		X	Julie Cherry
Ronald	Rosser Jr.			
Tracey	Schiro		X	Missy Sparks
Richard B. "R.B."	Smith	X		
Joshua	Sonnier			James Foster
David	St.Etienne	X		
Monty	Sullivan			Camille Conaway
Sandra	Thompson Herman	X		
Buck	Vandersteen	X		
Marketa	Walters		X	Lorrie Briggs
Thomas A.	Yura	X		
Z - Vacant	Z - Vacant			

**IV. Comments from the Chairman, Bruce Busada**

**V. Review and approval of previous minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes:

1<sup>st</sup> Secretary Ava Dejoie

2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Ardoin

**VI. Reports from LWC:**

**Secretary Ava Dejoie presented the report regarding LWC Unemployment trust fund information, the Disaster Grant and unemployment verification information.**

**Disaster Recovery DDWG Grant - Tavares Walker, Assistant Secretary Office of Workforce Development - Presented a PowerPoint presentation**

**VII. Presentation from Local Workforce Development Boards**

**Melissa Kirsch presented a PowerPoint presentation**

**VIII. Presentation and Review of Report from IBCC – IBCC Chairman David St. Etienne presented a PowerPoint presentation.**

Motion to receive and approve the three reports presented by IBCC Chairman David St. Etienne

1<sup>st</sup> Jason Engles

2<sup>nd</sup> Susie Schowen

**IX. Other Business**

**X. Public Comments**

**XI. Adjournment at 10:39 am**

**Minutes approved by quorum of WIC board on June 16, 2021**

**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 18 JBE 2021 on February 10, 2021. The state of emergency is a public health one and an in-person meeting of the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) 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 OFC and IBCC, 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 WIC's meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:00 AM respectively 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 in La. R.S. 42:17.1 (C).

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Meridith J. Trahant  
Executive Counsel for LWC  
Presiding Officer  
Notary Public, Bar Roll #30097  
My Commission Expires Upon Death.