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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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Workforce Investment Council

Workforce Investment Council Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023

9:30 AM

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
 7000 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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

II. Roll call --

WIC Director Jawanda J Givens Quorum: Yes Time: 9:33 am

24-August -2023				
First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Bruce	Busada	X		
Joseph	Ardoin			
Valerie	Aymond			
Melissa	Bayham	X		
Ada	Bell - Womack	X		
Keith W	Brand		X	Kayotta Lewis
Cade	Brumley		X	Jessica Vallelungo
Barbara	Carpenter			
Conrad	Carriere		X	Jacoby Westimore
Secretary Ava	Cates	X		
Michael	Danahay			
Stephen	David	X		
Jason	Dedon	X		
John Bel	Edwards		X	Robert Wooley
Jason	Engels		X	Gary Warren
Thelma	French			
Larry	Frieman			
Randy	Hayden	X		
Charles "Chuck"	Henderson, Jr.			
John	Hopkins			
Edward R	Jones			
Gina	Jones			

Leigh	King			
Norisha	Kirts Glover	X		
Kirk	LaCour	X		
James "Jimmy"	LeBlanc		X	Rhett Covington
Robert J. "Bob"	Lobos			
Melissa	Mann			
Roy O.	Martin III	X		
Gerry	Mims	X		
Brent	Moreland	X		
Susan	Nelson	X		
Barrow	Peacock			Margaret Corley
Don	Pierson		X	Paul Helton
Kim	Reed		X	Lisa Vosper
Louis	Reine	X		
Ronald	Rosser Jr.			
Tracey	Schiro		X	Missy Sparks
Joshua	Sonnier			
David	St.Etienne		X	Corey Williams
Monty	Sullivan		X	Susie Schowen
Sandra	Thompson Herman			
Buck	Vandersteen	X		
Terri	Ricks		X	Lorrie Briggs
Thomas A.	Yura			
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III. Public Comments : None

IV. Motion to adopt current agenda: Secretary Cates requests to amend agenda to add a brief presentation by Kellie Taylor-White regarding MIS

1st Louis Reine

2nd Susan Nelson

Abstentions: Yes None

Opposition: Yes None

Approved: Yes No

Unanimous vote

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

Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

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

Motion to approve minutes:

1st Secretary Ava Cates

2nd Jason Dedon

Abstentions: Yes None

Opposition: Yes None

Approved: Yes No

Unanimous vote

vii. **Presentation and Review of Short-term Occupational Forecast**

Presenter: Emily Epps DiPalma, Chief Economist

Motion to: Study on the increasing local vs. national wage rates (tailored to 3, 4 and 5 star rating jobs, as well as major occupations and industries in Louisiana) and how it relates to increases in cost of living.

1st Louis Reine

2nd Susie Schowen

Abstentions: Yes None

Opposition: Yes None

Approved: Yes No

Unanimous vote

Motion to: Accept Short-term Occupational forecast

1st Louis Reine

2nd Kirk Lacour

Abstentions: Yes None

Opposition: Yes None

Approved: Yes No

Unanimous vote

Comments/Questions:

Did the OFC subcommittee meet and what were the results of that?

- Emily: yes, we met and will present on those findings. We met regarding star methodology and how we can better use the info moving forward. Did not relate so much to this forecast

Informational:

VIII. OFC Sub-Committee Meeting Information:

Emily Epps DiPalma and Kellie Taylor-White

Discussed the reason for the committee and invited board members and local directors to be a part of the committee

IX. Added agenda item: Presentation from MIS

Presenter: Kellie Taylor-White

Discussed the MIS department moving under her leadership and the changes that are being implemented.

X. Presentation from: LOSFA (MJ Foster)

Presenters: Deborah Paul and Paula Smith

Presented legislation updates to MJ Foster Promise Program

Discussion of Updates

XI. Presentation from OWD Subsequent Designation Policy Discussion

Presenters: Andrea Morrison, Assistant Secretary, OWD

Presented PowerPoint presentation

XII. Combined State Plan Information

Presenters: Kellie Taylor-White

Discussed the upcoming meetings regarding the Combined State Plan development and asked that members play a big part in the creation of the 2024 – 2028 Combined State Plan

XIII. Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training 2023 Information

Presenter: Jawanda Givens

Reminded the members that the trainings are mandated and in the next meetings we will be conducting the trainings

XIV. Other Business - None

xv. Adjournment at 11:30 am

1st Ava Cates

2nd Louis Reine

Unanimous vote

Minutes submitted by: Staff

Minutes approved by: Quorum of Workforce Investment Council Meeting

September 20, 2023