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

**Workforce Investment Council**

**Workforce Investment Council Meeting**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:30 AM

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

I. **Call to order** **Call to order** - - Vice Chairman David St. Etienne

II. **Roll call** -

**WIC Director Jawanda J Givens Quorum: Yes Time: 9:39 am**

12-April -2023				
First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Bruce	Busada		X	Corey Williams
Joseph	Ardoin		X	Polly Chang
Valerie	Aymond			
Melissa	Bayham		X	Ken York
Ada	Bell		X	Jonie Smith
Keith W	Brand			
Cade	Brumley		X	Erica Spencer
Barbara	Carpenter			
Conrad	Carriere	X		
Secretary Ava	Cates	X		
Michael	Danahay	X		
Stephen	David			
Jason	Dedon	X		
John Bel	Edwards		X	Tavares Walker
Jason	Engles			Gary Warren
Thelma	French		X	Andrea Morrison
Larry	Frieman			
Randy	Hayden	X		
Charles "Chuck"	Henderson, Jr.			
John	Hopkins			
Edward R	Jones			
Gina	Jones			

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

**IV. Motion to adopt current agenda:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Sonnier

Abstentions: Yes  None

Opposition: Yes  None

Approved: Yes  No

Unanimous vote

**v. Comments from the Vice-Chairman, David St. Etienne**

**Thanked everyone for attending the meeting**

**vi. Review and approval of previous minutes: December 14, 2022**

Motion to approve minutes:

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Ronald Rosser

Abstentions: Yes  None

Opposition: Yes  None

Approved: Yes  No

Unanimous vote

**vii. Presentation and Review of IBCC Items: Presenter: David St. Etienne**

Motion to: Approve Pre-Engineering and Robotics IBC application

1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Lisa Vosper

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Dedon

Abstentions: Yes  None

Opposition: Yes  None

Approved: Yes  No

Unanimous vote

**viii. Presentation and Review of Short-term Industry Forecast**

**Presenter: Emily Epps DiPalma, Chief Economist**

Comments/Questions:

- Discussion of Forecast

Motion to: Accept Short-term Industry forecast

1<sup>st</sup> Jason Dedon

2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Lisa Vosper

Abstentions: Yes  None

Opposition: Yes  None

Approved: Yes  No

Unanimous vote

**IX. Presentation and Review of AJC Certification Matrix from Office of Workforce Development:**

**Presenter: Brian Teegardin**

Motion to: Approve the AJC Certification Matrix

1<sup>st</sup> Josh Sonnier

2<sup>nd</sup> Kirk LaCour

Abstentions: Yes  None

Opposition: Yes  None

Approved: Yes  No

Unanimous vote

**X. Presentation from LCTCS – MJ Foster  
Presenters: Dr. Amy Cable**

**XI. Other Business - None**

**XII. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> Joshua Sonnier

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Dedon

Unanimous vote

**Minutes submitted by: Staff**

**Minutes approved by: Quorum of WIC August 24, 2023**