Occupational Forecast Conference Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2022

I. Call to order

Chairman Bruce Busada called to order the regular meeting of the Occupational Forecast Conference at <u>10:17am</u> on <u>March 30, 2022</u> at Louisiana Workforce Commission, Executive Conference Room 1001 N. 23rd St., Meeting Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

II. Roll call

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

Quorum met: Yes Number in attendance: 5

Here	Not	Member	Here	Designee	
		Governor John Bel Edwards	Ø	Secretary Ava Cates	
		Secretary Ava Cates	Ø	Tavares Walker	
\boxtimes		WIC Chairman Bruce Busada			
		Monty Sullivan	Ø	Ingrid Cook	
		Louis Reine	Ø	Kellie Taylor-White	
	\boxtimes	Susie Schowen			
	\boxtimes	Mr. Alvin Williams			
	\boxtimes	Jim Patterson			

III. Review and Approval of previous OFC Meeting Minutes:

Options for voting:

1 st Motion:	Kellie Taylor-White	Abstentions:	Yes 🗆	None 🛛
2 nd Motion:	Tavares Walker	Opposition:	Yes 🗆	None 🗵
		Approved:	Yes 🛛	No□

Unanimous Vote – Motion passes

IV. Comments-No Comments

Presenter: Dr. Julien Hwang, Chief Economist

- a. Dr. Julian Hwang explains how the industry forecast is formulated using historical information, surveys, and BLS statistical methods to create forecast models.
- b. Secretary Ava Cates asks to see the full list of who responded to the surveys in the future.
- c. Chairman Bruce Busada suggests using more responses in the future.
 - i. Dr. Hwang noted that all response were used and many times areas will work together to send in a compiled response.
 - ii. Secretary Cates comments that more responses may be sent if the surveys are sent out under her signature or that of the Governor. She would like to see those that did not respond highlighted.

VI. Review of Occupational Forecast

Presenter: Dr. Julien Hwang, Chief Economist

Comments/Questions:

- a. Dr. Hwang reviews the occupational forecast. Recovery from the pandemic continues. The state is expected to gain 65,000 jobs.
- b. Dr. Hwang outlines the industry forecasts by major areas throughout the state. Also outlines numbers of jobs with different star ratings. The labor market moving in the right direction.

Motion to receive the report: A motion to accept the presentation with the changes, slight revisions, clarifications noted throughout the presentation.

Options for voting:

1 st Motion: Secretary Ava Cates	Abstentions:	Yes 🗆	None 🛛
2 nd Motion: Tavares Walker	Opposition:	Yes 🗆	None 🗵
	Approved:	Yes 🛛	No□

Unanimous Vote – motion passes

VII. Other Business: None

VIII. Public Comments: None

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Taylor-White, seconded by Secretary Ava Cates. No objections.

Adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am

Minutes submitted by: Kandice Doley

Minutes approved by: Jawanda J. Givens

Approved by the quorum of the OFC meeting, June 14, 2022