



LOUISIANA STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 pm

Louisiana Workforce Commission, Administrative Office, 4th Floor Auditorium
1001 North 23rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order Claire Obgartel

II. Roll call Troy Borne

Number in attendance: 6 Obtained quorum: yes

Member	X
Claire Obgartel (Chair)	x
Henry G. Heier (Vice-Chair)	x
Amy Cable	x
Joey Goscha	
Aldo M. Irias-Duron	
Danielle Labbe	
Brent Moreland	x
Andrew O'Brien	x
Bahiy Watson	x

III. Motion to Adopt current meeting agenda

Motioned to approve agenda:

- 1st Andrew O'Brien
- 2nd Amy Cable

V. Review and approval of Previous Minutes:

Motioned to approve minutes:

- 1st Brent Moreland
- 2nd Andy O'Brien

VI. Opening Remarks: Troy Borne, Director of Work-Based Learning

- Troy announced the implementation of a formal audience comment card process aligned with Robert's Rule of Order. Comment cards required for public input and a three (3) minute speaking limit.
- Updates were provided on the federal grant opportunities, Shipbuilding and defense as well as AI related occupations.
- Troy also mentioned National Apprenticeship Week and asked for more proclamations be submitted.



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- Troy provided the council members with current apprenticeship data
 - a. 135 total programs
 - b. 18 programs suspended (non-compliance)
 - c. 4,536 active apprentices
 - d. 593 active employers
 - e. 800 annual enrollments (121 current month)
 - f. 120 completions
 - g. 207 veteran participants

VII. Chair Comments:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Introduced Southland Steel as guest
- Presentation from Chance Plaisance on Southland Steel RAP about their Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- Apprentice Testimony from Connor Boyd. He shared his experiences as an apprentice.

VIII. Action Items - Consideration of Programs:

A. *Sweetspot Couture*

- Donnean Bolds, Luis Marimon, Registered Apprenticeship Navigator
- Navigator Luis Marimon introduced Donnean Bolds with Sweetspot Couture. Donnean gave an overview of her company being a 4-year program competency based, focusing on couture, entrepreneurship, and custom design. There is a strong local market demand for this occupation.
- Motion: Amy Cable
- Second: Henry Heier
- Motion Passes

B. *Doyle Electric*

- Ashley LeBlanc, Luis Marimon, Registered Apprenticeship Navigator
- Key Issues Cited by the SAC – Henry Heier and Brent Moreland
- Training provider (Trio) not confirmed on Louisiana ETPL
- Concerns regarding:
 - a) RTI compensation language
 - b) Credential transferability and stack ability
 - c) Compliance with state and federal requirements
- Motioned to Defer
 - a) 1st Andrew O'Brien
 - b) 2nd Brent Moreland

IV. Public Comments



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- No public comments were submitted.

X. Other Business

XI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting by Chair
- Adjourn at 11:36 a.m.
 - a. 1st Andrew O'Brien
 - b. 2nd Brent Moreland