



Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 9:45 AM CDT

Hampton Inn & Suites – I-10 East
11271 Reiger Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Members Present: Liam Doyle, Kelly Monroe, Brian Patchett, Tina Roper, Phil Templet

Members Absent: Bambi Polotzola, Megan Thompson

Guests Present: Tiffany Anthony, Timothy Cornelius, Sherri Houin, Lisa Jackson-Wardlaw, Angela Montgomery, Donna Reno, Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

Meeting was called to order at 9:49 AM.

July 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

The additional state general funds of \$4million received from the last legislative session was not included in the upcoming budget for Louisiana Works/LRS.

Motion moved by Brian, seconded by Tina: for LRS Director, Melissa, to schedule a meeting with Human Resources to discuss T.O. positions; passed without objection.

Motion moved by Tina, seconded by Brian: to declare advocacy agenda items of requesting full funding for LRS to draw the full federal allotment, and additional T.O. to meet that need; passed without objection.

Motion moved by Brian, seconded by Tina: to expand participants to be included on the advocacy “Fact Sheet” needed by Kelly for her meeting with the DOA Commissioner on the Governor’s proposed budget; passed without objection.

Kelly also requested LRS to provide state comparison data for Rehabilitation Counselor positions, and the federal requirements for qualifications.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:30 AM.



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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 11:15 AM CDT

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Members Present: Timothy Cornelius, Rikki David, Kelly Monroe, Brian Patchett, Robyn Rushing

Members Absent: Hope Day

Guests Present: Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM.

July 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

Motion moved by Rikki, seconded by Robyn: to go into Executive Session to discuss applications; passed without objection.

Motion moved by Robyn, seconded by Rikki: exit Executive Session to approve Amanda Vinson for membership, and to keep B. Bares' application on file for future consideration; passed without objection.

Motion moved by Kelly, seconded by Tim: follow-up with Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans on someone to apply for the vacant Parent Training and Information Center representative on the Council; passed without objection.

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:40 PM.



General Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 1:00 PM CDT

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Members Present: Tiffany Anthony, Melissa Bayham, Stephen Carrier, Timothy Cornelius, Rikki David, Liam Doyle, Sherri Houin, Lisa Jackson-Wardlaw, Brian Patchett, Donna Reno, Tina Roper, Robyn Rushing, Phil Templet, Myron Wright

Members Absent: Hope Day, Jeannie Doiron, Kelly Monroe, Amanda Nottingham, Nicole Poiencot, Bambi Polotzola, Megan Thompson

Guests in Attendance: Cindy Bishop, Lynn Blanchard, Stephen Johnston, Gabriel McGrew, Angela Montgomery, Steven Moore, Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Rikki motioned to pass the July General Committee minutes. Tina seconded the motion; motion passed without objection.

Melissa provided information for the LRS Director's report. The Council requested to be made aware of when the WIOA Combined State Plan update will be available for public comment.

Motion moved by Rikki, seconded by Robyn: for inclusion to the WIOA State Plan, 1) LRS is to conduct a study or evaluation of the operational workflow to reduce burnout and increase efficiencies; and 2) to work with State Civil Service and LW Human Resources on salary increases for Rehabilitation Counselors; passed without objection.

New Business: Reports were provided from each standing committee.

- Executive: Recommending Amanda Vinson to the Governor for membership consideration.
- Legislative: Requested state comparison for Rehab Counselor salaries.
- Community Rehabilitation Program: Requested complete list of vendors indicating the specific services they provide, payments to each and for each service, and identifying parishes that have limited services.
- Community Outreach: Requested to redesign the LRS VR flow chart for accessibility purposes, and to post the Star Jobs Report on the LRS website once made accessible.

Agency Reports: No reports were provided for this quarter from CAP, IDEA, SILC, or WIC.

Announcements: Future Council meetings scheduled for January 22, 2026; April 23, 2026; July 23, 2026; and October 22, 2026.

Public Comment was received from Cindy Bishop.

Adjourn: LRC October 2025 General Committee meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:03 PM.