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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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Workforce Investment Council

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday December 19, 2019
 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.
 Capitol Welcome Center
 702 River Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order –

Chairman Todd McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:58 am.

II. Roll Call –

WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White Quorum: Yes

December 19, 2019					
Title	First Name	Last Name	Designee	Member	Designee
Sen.	Conrad	Appel			
Mr.	Joseph	Ardoin	Garry Warren	X	
Mr.	Paul	Arrigo	Ms. Karron Alford		X
Ms.	Valerie	Aymond			
Mr.	James Ray	Barker			
Ms.	Melissa	Bayham	Sonya Williams	X	X
Sen	Gerald	Boudreaux	Ms. Deidra Jackson	X	
Rep.	Joseph	Bouie, Jr			
Mr.	Keith W	Brand	Timothy Overmier		
Ms.	Susan	Broussard			
Mr.	Bruce	Busada			
Mr.	Conrad	Carriere	Kenneth Burrell		X
Mr.	Michael	Danahay			
Mr.	Stephen	David	Tiffany Miller		
Mr.	Jason	Dedon	Heather Stephan	X	
Secretary	Ava	Dejoie	Kaffia Arvie	X	X
Governor	John Bel	Edwards	Ava Dejoie		X
Mr.	Jason	Engles	Ernest Stevens	X	
Mr.	Richard	Flick			
Ms.	Thelma	French			
Mr.	Larry	Gibbs			
Mr.	Randy	Hayden	Lori Berteau	X	
Mr.	John	Hopkins	Allison Ocmant		X

Mayor	Edward R	Jones		X	
Mr.	Leigh	King			
	Norisha	Kirts		X	
Sec.	James "Jimmy"	LeBlanc	Rhett Covington		X
Mr.	Robert J. "Bob"	Lobos		X	
Ms.	Melissa B. "Missy"	Mann	Ms. Aimee Daigle		
Mr.	Todd	McDonald	Mr. Jonathan Wilson	X	
	Robert	Miller			
Mr.	Gerry	Mims			
Mr.	Charles Henry	Moniotte	David Helveston		
Mr.	Brent	Moreland		X	
Ms.	Susan	Nelson	Mr. Ernest Stevens	X	
Mr.	Leo J. "Jim"	Odom	Ms. Diana Reih		
Mr.	Michael P. "Mike"	Palamone			
Ms.	Sonia A.	Perez	Mr. David Aubrey		
Sec.	Don	Pierson	Mandy Mitchell		X
Dr.	Kim	Reed	Dr. Lisa Vosper		X
Mr.	Louis	Reine	Matt Woods	X	X
Mr.	Ronald	Rosser Jr.			
Rep.	Patricia	Smith	Ms. C. Denise Marcelle	X	
Mr.	Tracey	Schiro			
Mr.	Richard B"RB"	Smith			
Mr.	Joshua	Sonnier	Mr. James D. Foster		
Mr.	David	St.Etienne		X	
Dr.	Monty	Sullivan	Mr. Chris Broadwater		X
Mr.	Buck	Vandersteen	Mr. Brian Breaux	X	
Sec.	Marketa	Walters	????????		X
Mr.	John	White	Ms. Jessica Vallelungo		X
Mr.	Thomas A.	Yura	Jamie Allen		

III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes -

*Motion by Joseph Ardoin to accept September 17, 2019 minutes.
2nd by Susie Nelson.*

IV. Comments from Chair:

Chairman Todd McDonald thanked everyone for making it to the meeting right at Christmas. Chair Todd McDonald congratulated the State President of Louisiana FFA, Jadyne' Durr and the State Secretary of Louisiana FFA, Dakota McGee on their accomplishments. Buck Vandersteen, Chris Broadwater, and Secretary Ava Dejoie also spoke. Vice Chairman David St. Etienne spoke about the need for Louisiana FFA in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. Jason Dedon spoke on the need for teachers to teach in Orleans and Jefferson parishes and the need for FFA in Orleans and Jefferson. The president of the FFA members stood to help give information about how to bring this program to the Orleans and Jefferson parishes. Dr. Vosper spoke on the Agriculture education programs

V. Governor's Address –

Secretary Dejoie introduced Governor John Bel Edwards.

Governor John Bel Edwards speaking points were:

- The importance of Workforce Development in Louisiana
- Investing in Early Childhood education – K-12 and Higher Education
- The Master Plan for Higher Education (Goal the calls for 60% of all working age adults in Louisiana to hold a degree or high-value credential by 2030.
- Advocating for increase of minimum wage
- Increasing the Apprenticeship program
- Increasing the size of JAG programs
- Continuing to work with the WIC

VI. Review of Workforce Action Plan -

Secretary Dejoie presented a preview of Louisiana Workforce Action Plan

- Secretary Ava Dejoie presented a PowerPoint presentation.
- Louis Reine – Spoke on the importance of keeping trained Louisiana citizens in the state. He stated that people leave Louisiana to get higher paying jobs and Louisiana does not have competitive pay rates.
- Rep. Pat Smith also discussed the need for housing for people with criminal backgrounds. She stated that those people have a hard time finding a place to live.
- Dr. Lisa Vosper offered to work with LWC as it regards the Master Plan for Higher Educations and the Louisiana Workforce Action Plan working side by side. She also asked that Dr. Kim Reed be put on the agenda for the next WIC meeting to discuss the Master Plan. Chairman Todd McDonald stated he would have it added to the agenda for the next WIC meeting.

VII. Presentation and Review of Apprenticeship Week Activities –

Mr. Michael Knapp reviewed the 2019 Apprenticeship Week Activities that took place around the state.

VIII. Presentation and Review IBCC recommendations – Vice Chairman David St. Etienne presented *Motion by Vice Chairman David St. Etienne to accept IBCC recommendation approve Water Treatment IBC Applications to Statewide Focus List.*
2nd by Buck Vandersteen

- *Sonya Williams spoke about the need for Certified Water Treatment workers.*
- *Secretary Ave Dejoie also spoke about the need and her concern about the entry wage.*

IX. Update on Ethics and Financial Disclosures –

Attorney Meredith Trahant and Director Taylor-White gave briefing on the filings that are and are not required of WIC members.

- *WIC Director asked to WIC members submit their Ethics training certificate to her.*
- *Attorney Meredith Trahant discussed the Financial Disclosure Statement*

X. Update on Jumpstart 2.0 –

Ms. Jessica Vallelungo from the Louisiana Department of Education gave us a brief update on the Jumpstart 2.0 efforts.

XI. Update on Perkins V Plan –

Mr. Chris Broadwater from LCTCS gave a brief update on the progress of the Perkins 5 plan.

XII. Other Business –

Motion by Louis Reine to add to agenda.

2nd by Susan Nelson.

Jessica Vallelungo presented a new TOPS Tech Early Start Provider for inclusion on the Provider list.

Discussion:

- Secretary Ava Dejoie spoke about the Department of Education asking to add the TOPS Tech Early Start Provider item to the agenda because they needed the vote before January.
- Secretary questioned the reason for the vote. WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White responded.
- Louis Reine asked what are they asking for today. WIC Directory Kellie Taylor-White responded. Jessica Vallelungo also responded
- Dr. Vosper gave an explanation of the difference between the TOPS Tech and the TOPS Tech Early Start.
- Lisa French discussed the need for the provider to be approved.
- Secretary Ava Dejoie stated the bylaws should be reviewed and the possibly of the Executive Committee acting on it.

Chairman Todd McDonald stated we did not have a quorum and a vote could not be taken. It would have to go up for vote at another WIC meeting.

XIII. Public Comments:

XIV. Adjournment: