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Workforce Investment Council

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

1:30 PM –

Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th floor Auditorium
 1001 N. 23rd St., Meeting Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order – Chairman Bruce Busada

Meridith Trahan read the Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum.

Meridith Trahan swore in new board members Sup. Cade Brumfield and Rep. Larry Frieman

II. Roll Call –

WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White Quorum: Yes

29-Jul-20				
First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Ava	Dejoie		X	Kenneth Burrell
Gov. John Bel	Edwards		X	Ava Dejoie
Joseph	Ardoin	X		
Paul	Arrigo	X		
Valerie	Aymond	X		
James Ray	Barker	X		
Melissa	Bayham		x	Ken York
Keith W	Brand			
Susan	Broussard			
Cade	Brumley	X		
Bruce	Busada	X		
Barbara	Carpenter			
Conrad	Carriere	X		
Troy	Carter			
Michael	Danahay	X		
Stephen	David	X		
Jason	Dedon	X		
Jason	Engles	X		
Larry	Frieman	X		
Thelma	French	X		
Larry	Gibbs			
Randy	Hayden	X		

John	Hopkins			
Edward R	Jones	X		
Leigh	King	X		
Norisha	Kirts			
James "Jimmy"	LeBlanc		x	Rhett Covington
Robert J. "Bob"	Lobos	X		
Melissa	Mann			
Robert	Miller			
Gerry	Mims	X		
Charles Henry	Moniotte	X		
Brent	Moreland	X		
Susan	Nelson	X		
Leo J. "Jim"	Odom			
Michael P. "Mike"	Palamone	X		
Barrow	Peacock		X	Margaret Corley
Sonia A.	Perez	X		
Don	Pierson		x	Susie Schowen
Kim	Reed	X		
Louis	Reine	X		
Ronald	Rosser Jr.			
Tracey	Schiro	X		
Richard B. "R.B."	Smith	X		
Joshua	Sonnier	X		
David	St.Etienne	X		
Monty	Sullivan		x	Chris Broadwater
Buck	Vandersteen	X		
Marketa	Walters		x	Terri Ricks
Thomas A.	Yura	X		

III. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes -**

Motion by [Louis Reine](#) to accept December 19, 2019 minutes.

2nd by [Kimberly Reed](#).

IV. **Comments from Chair, Bruce Busada:** Introduced himself to the board as the Chairman. Greeted the attendees of the meetings.

V. **Brief Review of Occupational Forecasting Process:** Dr. Ali Bustamante presented the Louisiana Employment Projections presentation.

Motion to accept the recommendations of the OFC to keep the 2019 projections as the forecast:

1st Louis Reine

Abstentions: Yes None X

2nd Charles Moniotte

Opposition: Yes None X

Approved: Yes X None

Unanimous vote

VI. **Work to create report on Short Term COVID effects on Forecasts (statewide and regional):** Ali Bustamante presented a PowerPoint presentation, Employer Survey.

- Louis Reine asked about the size of the businesses that participated in the survey.

Motion to receive report and make it part of record:

1st Louis Reine

Abstentions: Yes None X

2nd Chris Broadwater

Opposition: Yes None X

Approved: Yes X None

Unanimous vote

- Dr. Gabe Feldman with Tulane University and Dek Terrell with LSU University discussed their contribution to the creation of the Employer Survey.
- Secretary Ava Dejoie shared information about the vote of the OFC to keep the 2019 projections because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

VII. **Report from Local Workforce Boards: Melissa Kirsch presented a PowerPoint presentation discussing the role of the Workforce Board.**

- Secretary Ava Dejoie spoke about the local Board being able to approve funding for training that may not be In Demand Occupations that are forecasted.
- Tina Roper commends the efforts being made to forecast job growth but the local area can also see things happening in our communities.
- Discussion involving several members and designees progressed.

VIII. **Education Stabilization Fund–Reimagine Workforce Preparation (ESF-RWP) Grants Program**

WIC Director Kellie Taylor-White presented information regarding creating the proposal.

- IX. Other Business – Secretary Ava Dejoie updated the board on the Unemployment Fund.
- X. Public Comments:
- XI. Adjournment: 3:11 pm

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-84, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 25, 2020, the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council is providing for attendance at essential meetings via teleconference or videoconference as allowed during the pendency of the COVID-19 health emergency. Pursuant to Section 2C of JBE 2020-84, the LWIC will provide attendance for the Workforce Investment Council meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 via Zoom and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on July 23, 2020. The Workforce Investment Council would otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements.