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Jeff Landry, Governor
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Workforce Investment Council

Industry-Based Certification Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2025

9:00am

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to order** IBCC Chairman Mike Palamone called the regular meeting of the Industry-Based Certification Committee (IBCC) to order at 9:00 AM.

II. Roll call

WIC Director Kaffia Arvie conducted the roll call:

Number in attendance: 13 Quorum Obtained yes

Email checklist			
X	Member	X	Designee
X	IBCC Chairman Mike Palamone		
X	Secretary Susie Schowen		Alyse Brodsky
X	WIC Chairman David Helveston		
X	Austin Lewis		
	Renee Amar		
X	Dr. Missy Hopson		
X	Gary Warren		
X	Brandon Smith		
	David St. Etienne	X	Errol Taylor
X	Dr. Wendi Palermo		
X	Louis Reine		
X	Jessica Vallelungo		
	Dr. Lisa Vosper		
X	Jacquelyn Craddock		
X	Thomas Jones		
	Joel Thames	X	

III. Comments from Appointed Leadership

a. Chairman Mike Palamone

- Chairman Palamone thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today.
- Chairman stated to the public and applicants to bring their entire team up to present to make the transition easier. Also mentioned that the council will go through the applications and hold off on the vote until all applications heard.
- Also stated that there will be a new IBC meeting on 7/30/2025.
- Chairman provided the rules of what is being asked to cover in the presentations.

b. Comments from Secretary Schowen, LWC

- Secretary Schowen stated that change is hard and she also wanted to thank the council for committing to multiple meetings during the summer and the commitment to excellence.
- Welcomed LA Superintendent Cade Brumley

c. Comments from Cade Brumley, LA State Superintendent

- Superintendent Brumley thanked the council for their time provided, thanked LWC and the team for their work.
- Advised the highest graduation rate for the state, while explaining the requirements for graduation and career acceleration.
- Proposed the question, what is the weight (value) of the diploma after graduation.

IV. Review and approval of previous minutes (June 10, 2025)

a. Motioned by Louis Reine

b. 2nd by Austin Lewis

v. IBC Application Review and Approval

a. Healthcare Bundle by Region 6

- CNA portion to be removed to prevent redundancy
- Word and Excel should be moved to expert level; more value at expert level; money available from CTE funding
 1. Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Dr. Wendi Palermo
 2. All passed

b. Hospitality and Tourism Bundle by Region 6

- Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Errol Taylor

- All Passed
- c. Business Bundle by Region 6
 - Motioned by Austin Lewis and 2nd by Tom Jones
 - All Passed
- d. Manufacturing and Construction Bundles by Region 6
 - Drafting
 - Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Tom Jones
 - 1. All Passed
 - Electrical
 - Motioned by David Helveston and 2nd by Dr. Wendi Palmero
 - For Regions 6, 7, 8, and Vernon Parish
 - 1. All Passed
 - Crafts
 - Adding Ag Mechanics and making sure to include the “or” option with NCCER and CITF.
 - Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Tom Jones
 - Opposed by Brandon Smith-Passed
- e. Patient Care Bundle by New Orleans Public Schools
 - Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Dr. Wendi Palermo
 - 1. All Passed
- f. Manufacturing Titan Bundle by Mary Baker Smith Career Center
 - Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Tom Jones
 - 1. All Passed
- VI. At this time, WIC Director mentioned that the meeting was over the allotted time and that a vote would have to go into place to extend the meeting time for the final bundle to be heard and to complete the meeting.
 - a. Motioned by Jessica Vallelungo and 2nd by David Helveston
- VII. **IBC Application Review and Approval-Continuation**
 - a. Architecture and Construction Bundle Region 8
 - Millwright to be removed
 - Motioned to approve for Regions 6, 7, 8 by David Helveston and 2nd by Louis Reine/Dr. Missy Hopson
 - 1. All Passed
 - b. Manufacturing Bundle Region 8

- Recreated to NCCER Multi-Craft Bundle.
- Merging IBC's Manufacturing of Region 8 and Instrumentation of St. Charles Parish Bundles
- Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Dr. Missy Hopson
 1. All Passed
- c. Environmental Protection, Sustainability and BASF Bundle by LSU STEM Center and BASF
 - Motioned by Dr. Missy Hopson and 2nd by Tom Jones
 - All Passed

VIII. Other Business

- a. It was requested to get a final meeting in before school was to start to clear out the IBC's that are in the que. Council was advised that the next meeting will be July 30, 2025.

IX. Public Comment

- a. N/A

X. Adjournment

- a. Dr. Wendi Palermo made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Louis Reine second the motion Chairman Palamone adjourned meeting at 12:23pm.