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John Bel Edwards, Governor  
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### Workforce Investment Council

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Hearing Room, Louisiana Department of Insurance, First Floor

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Lori Cherry called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.

**Members Present:** Jerome Eymard for James Ray Barker, Kathy Bobbs, Jennifer Jeansonne for Michael Boudreaux, Keith Brand, Susan Broussard, Jason Dedon, Ava Dejoie, Jason Engels, Art Favre, Thelma French, Rhett Covington for Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, Robert "Bob" Lobos, Todd McDonald, Gerry Mims, Charles Moniotte, John "Patrick" Mulhearn, Susan Nelson, Mike Palamone, Carlos Perez, Designee for Sonia Perez, Susie Schowen for Don Pierson, Lisa Vosper for Joseph Rallo, Louis Reine, Eddie L. Rispone, Natalie Robottom, Missy Rogers, Ronnie Rosser, David Helveston for Monty Sullivan, Scott Couper for Jorge Tarajano, Lisa French for John White

**Members Absent:** Joseph Ardoin, Valerie Aymond, Gov. John Bel Edwards, Jennifer Boggs, Joe Bonita, Brent Golleher, Charlie Habig, Rep. Patricia Hayes Smith, John Hopkins, John F. Jones, Jim Odom, Thomas Mitchiner O'Neal, Peggy Parker, Ed Price, C.A. "Buck" Vandersteen, Jonald Walker, III, Garner Walters, John F. Young Jr, Thomas Yura

### II. Comments from Charles Moniotte, Chairman

- A. Welcome from Charles and introductions of Ava Dejoie and Lori Cherry
- B. Ava gave a brief introduction and her professional background

### III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. No questions, no discussion
- B. Motion to approve
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Louis Reine
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronnie Rosser
  - c. All in favor, No Opposition, Motion Passed

### IV. Membership Update- Executive Director Dejoie

- A. A handout was provided to the group on membership.
- B. Carlos Perez in the Apprenticeship Director so the change can be made on the list

### V. Consideration for approval: Agritechnology IBC

- A. Commissioner Mike Strain provided a PowerPoint presentation to the group.
- B. Provided introductions from panel who presented
- C. Roy O Martin and Manda Fine Meats presented on how this IBC will be useful and supported by companies in Louisiana. They are employing the students that go through this program.
- D. This has been approved by the IBC council and the Executive Committee.
- E. Motion to approve Agritechnology as an option on the Statewide IBC List

- a. 1st Louis Reine
- b. 2nd Eddie Risponse
- c. No objections, Motion Passed

**VI. Approval of OFC Short and Long-term Industry Forecasts**

- A. Sachin Chintawar and Dr. Stephen Barnes presented to the WIC and shared a PowerPoint presentation
- B. Went through the process of how they gather their forecasts and the approval through the Occupational Forecasting Conference
- C. The next presentation for projections will be for occupations and will be provided at the end of June. The industry forecast will be updated at the same time
- D. Motion to accept the short and long-term Industry Forecasts
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Louis Reine
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhett Covington
  - c. No objections, motion passed
- E. Lisa Vosper and David Helveston both shared how the Star Jobs rating impact their programs. Many of the decisions they make on where funding dollars go are based on the star jobs rating of the program.

**VII. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation Progress Update**

- A. Kelly Ebey provided an update on the Strategic Plan and the process they took to get to the draft of the plan which is now posted online for viewing and public comment.
- B. This plan has not been submitted as yet, they are in the comment period now and the plan must be submitted by April 1st.
- C. Louisiana is submitting a combined state plan.
- D. Career and Tech ed will be added to the plan within the first year of implementation and added to the plan as a modification.

**VIII. Public Comments**

- A. Higher Education does not know as yet what the final budget cut numbers will be. They were told they will know something by Friday 3/18/16. Dr. Lisa Vosper will email the funding changes when they have the numbers.
- B. Comments from agencies concerning their budget cuts etc.
- C. Louisiana Calling – Mike Palamone provided an update about the ad campaign, messaging will come out this fall.
- D. Dr. Vosper commended Eddie Risponse on being the Baton Rouge Businessman of the year

**IX. Adjournment**

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.