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Jeff Landry, Governor
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Workforce Investment Council

Workforce Investment Council Meeting

June 18, 2025
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

State Capitol
Governor's Press Room-4th Floor
900 N. 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

I. Call to order

a. Chairman David Helveston @10:03 am

II. Roll call –

WIC Director Kaffia Arvie Quorum: Yes Time:10:03 am

First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Terry	Baugh	✓		
Melissa	Bayham	✓		
Troy	Borne	✓		
Ellis	Bourque, III	✓		
Mayor Michael	Danahay			
Mark	Dearman			
Jason	Dedon	✓		
Renee'	DeLouche		✓	Edward Boyd
Rep. Phillip	DeVillier			
Chelsea	Dufrene		✓	Chedra Cheatham
Mayor Friday	Ellis			
Jason	Engels	✓		
Connie	Fabre	✓		
Gregory	Feirn			
David	Gaines			
Stacey	Gautreau			
David	Helveston	✓		
Dr. Kim	Hunter-Reed		✓	Dr. Lisa Vosper
Jay	Johnson			
Dr. Chandler	Leboeuf		✓	Amy Cable
Roy	Martin, III	✓		Via zoom
Sec. David	Matlock	✓		

Terri	Mitchell	✓		
Neil	Rader	✓		
Louis	Reine	✓		
Tina	Roper			
Kyle	Ruckert	✓		
Sec. Susan	Schowen	✓		
Sen. Alan	Seabaugh			
David	St. Etienne	✓		
Michael	Tanner	✓		
Joel	Thames	✓		
Suzanne	Torregano	✓		
Buck	Vandersteen	✓		
Tom	Yura	✓		

III. Review and approval of previous minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes made by L. Reine and seconded by David St. Etienne.
Motion carried.

IV. Comments from Appointed Leadership

a. Comments from Chairman David Helveston

- i. Chairman Helveston thanked everyone for attending. Advised that there are many IBC's that we have to get through. He also wanted to commend the current administration on the legislative session, the IBCC and the educators.

b. Comments from Secretary Susie Schowen

- i. Commended the local workforce.
- ii. Spoke with the Board of Regents about the changes that will be made as a direct reflection of the legislative session.
- iii. Advised the WIC that with the change as a board there will be work to do. Also to understand that change can be messy, but must be celebrated.
- iv. Also spoke about the need of high demand, high wage jobs because the basic bundles and basic IBC's will be going away.

c. Comments from Secretary David Matlock

- i. Wanted to commend the Governor's leadership and him signing the executive order that initiated the process to the "One Door" with LWC.
- ii. Advised that it is still a journey but we can work together to make it work.

V. Technical Correction: TOPS Tech Eligible List for 2024-25; 2025-26; 2026-27

- a. The original approval did not have the correct dates. LOSFA cannot release the funds without the correct dates. Dr. Lisa Vosper requested that the board approve the correct dates.
 - i. Motioned to approve by Louis Reine and 2nd by Secretary David Matlock-

ALL passed

VI. Review and Approval of Industry-Based Certifications:

- a. **IBCC Chairman, Mike Palamone requested approval from advance to basic for bundles and IBC's i-v.**
 - i. ProStart National Certificate of Achievement and ServSafe Manager
 - ii. Certified Hospitality Supervisor
 - iii. Hospitality and Tourism Specialist
 - iv. LA Agritechnology Specialist
 - v. CDL Class A and B Commercial Driving
 - 1. Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Jason Engles
 - 2. All Passed
 - vi. Hospitality and Tourism Bundle
 - vii. Business Bundle
 - viii. Manufacturing & Construction-Drafting
 - 1. Motioned by Louis Reine and 2nd by Jason Engles to defer bundles to the next meeting.
 - 2. Motion to defer has passed.

VII. Update on Legislative Priorities from Partners

- a. DPSC
 - i. Proxy, Edward Boyd, declined to provide an update.
- b. BOR
 - i. A few bills has been signed concerning dual enrollment and the TOPS bill..
- c. LCTCS
 - i. Funding for workforce
- d. LDOE
 - i. No package HB52 added Financial Literacy in schools apart of curriculum.
- e. LED
 - i. HB 507 passed and is awaiting a signature
- f. DCFS
 - i. HB617 mainly with the "One Door" has been approved and will be mobbing forward.
- g. LWC
 - i. Focusing on the "One Door"
 - ii. SNAP/DCFS will move to LDH (Medicaid)

VIII. Subcommittee Discussion

- a. Work-Based Learning
 - i. K-12 led by Jessica Vallelungo/Troy Borne to partner for apprenticeships.
 - ii. Higher Education led by Lisa Vosper
- b. Outreach Awareness

- i. Led by Louis Reine
- c. Performance Planning/Review

IX. Other Business

- a. There will be a called IBCC and WIC meeting called in the month of July. The dates will be sent out once available.

X. Public Comments

- a. N/A

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Louis Reine and seconded by David St. Etienne at 11:58 AM.