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Jeff Landry, Governor
Susana Schowen, Secretary

Workforce Investment Council

Workforce Investment Council Meeting

August 5, 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 Helveston called meeting to order at 10:01 AM

II. Roll Call

- a. Kaffia Arvie called roll and a quorum was established

In Attendance	Absent
Chairman David Helveston	Terry Baugh
Melissa Bayham	Ellis Bourque
Renee DeLouche	Stephanie Cargill
Mayor Friday Ellis	Rep. Raymond Crews
Jason Engels	Mayor Michael Danahay
Connie Fabre (proxy)	Mark Dearman
Greg Feirn	Jason Dedon
Stacey Gautreau	Chelsea Dufrene
Dr. Lisa Vosper	David Gaines
Jay Johnson	Roy O. Martin
Dr. Chandler Leboeuf	Sen. Alan Seabaugh
Sec. Rebecca Harris	David St. Etienne
Terri Mitchell	Michael Tanner
Louis Reine	Buck Vandersteen
Kyle Ruckert	Tom Yura
Sec. Susie Schowen	
Joel Thames	
Suzanne Torregano	
Jessica Valledungo	

III. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

- a. Louis Reine made a motion to approve minutes.
- b. Terri Mitchell 2nd the motion.
- c. Motion passed.

IV. Comments from Chairman David Helveston

- a. Expressed thanks for the board members commitment and dedication.

V. Comments from Secretary Susana Schowen

- a. Expressed her thanks to members and that LWC will continue working with DOE to improve the process of bundles.
- b. Discussed the rebranding of LWC and that it will not affect the role or name of the WIC. Looking to the future the WIC will play a greater and active role for input for the workforce.

VI. Review and Approval of State Plan by Assistant Secretary Osmar Padilla

- a. Assistant Secretary Padilla presented an overview of the Combined State Plan to members. Dr. Lisa Vosper made a motion to approve the State Plan.
- b. Renee DeLouche 2nd the motion.
- c. Motion passed.

VII. Review and Approval of IBC Bundles by Kaffia Arvie

- a. Business Bundle
 - i. Kaffia Arvie presented that the Business Bundle which consists of NRF Customer Service and NRF Business of Retail.
- b. Para-Educator Bundle
 - i. Kaffia Arvie presented that the Para-Educator Bundle consists of Louisiana Pre-Educator Pathway, Para Pro Assessment ETS, and Basic Life Support.
 - ii. Terri Mitchell made a motion to approve both bundles.
 - iii. Tina Roper 2nd the motion.
 - iv. Motion passed.

VIII. Review of Governor Landry's Policies on Economic Development, Workforce Development, and Education from Policy Advisors, Dr. Sabrah Kingham and Mr. Austin Lewis

- a. Dr. Kingham and Mr. Lewis discussed with members how the state can bridge legislation to workforce and they are happy to hear from members if they have ideas that can help move/drive the workforce forward.

IX. Other Business

- a. Kaffia Arvie informed members this was the last meeting for the year and the new meeting schedule would be sent to them.

X. Public Comments

- a. None

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion made by Louis Reine.
- b. Joel Thames 2nd the motion.
- c. Motion passed.