King Alexander LSU System

Curt Eysink LA Workforce Commission

Ronald Mason, Jr. SU System

Charles Moniotte Workforce Investment Council



Stephen Moret Economic Development

> Clinton Rasberry, Jr. Board of Regents

> > Monty Sullivan LCTC System

Sandra Woodley UL System

The Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Council convened its

fourth meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m., on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Claiborne

Building, in Room 6-242, located at 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr. called the meeting to order and opened by welcoming everyone in

attendance. He informed the Council and everyone present that the meeting was being recorded,

and to speak accordingly when using the microphones.

## Roll Call

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, Board of

Regents, called the roll and a quorum was established.

<u>Present for the meeting were:</u> Curt Eysink, Workforce Commission Ronald Mason, SU System Stephen Moret, Economic Development W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr., Board of Regents Monty Sullivan, LCTCS Sandra Woodley, UL System <u>Absent from the meeting were:</u> F. King Alexander, LSU System Charles Moniotte, WIC

<u>Guest List</u> Appendix A Board of Regents' Chairman, Mr. W. Clinton Rasberry, opened the meeting by expressing his appreciation for those that had to rearrange their schedule to attend today's meeting. He also stated that the goal of the meeting was to consider the implementation plans for LSU System, SU System and LCTC System. He further stated that because the actions of the WISE Council are ultimately approved by the Board of Regents, the plans approved at this meeting will be considered at a future Board of Regents meeting. He also notified the systems that at the upcoming Board of Regents meeting he will be requesting a motion to allow the executive committee to perform due diligence on the approved plans and validate private matches as quickly as possible. Chairman Rasberry also stated that it is the Board of Regents' intent to release the WISE monies as promptly as possible based on the protocol set forth by Act 803.

Mr. W. Clinton Rasberry took a moment to introduce and welcomed the incoming Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Joseph C. Rallo.

### Approval of the minutes of September 24, 2014

### On motion of Member Sandra Woodley, seconded by Member Monty Sullivan, the WISE Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014.

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, gave a brief report on the review and approval of implementation plans. She also spoke about the summary that was placed inside the folders. Dr. Neil Matkin, Executive VP for Academic and Student Affairs, and Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle, Sr. VP for Workforce Solutions, shared a brief power point presentation summarizing additional documentation on the LCTCS plans. Mr. Rasberry congratulated the LCTCS on being presented a check from JP Morgan Chase.

### Review and Approval of Implementation Plan

On motion of Member Sandra Woodley, seconded by Member Stephen Moret, the WISE Council voted to receive and approve implementation plan of LCTCS.

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, stated that

Dr. King Alexander asked that representation from LSU institutions and campuses be in

attendance in his absence. She also stated that a folder was provided for Council review

containing the membership list of individuals present for questions regarding the implementation

plans submitted by LSU System. Some LSU System representatives gave brief reports and

answered questions relevant to their proposals.

## On motion of Member Sandra Woodley, seconded by Member Stephen Moret, the WISE Council voted unanimously to approve implementation plan of LSU System.

Dr. Ronald Mason gave brief reports relevant to the Southern University System

proposals.

## On motion of Member Sandra Woodley, seconded by Member Monty Sullivan, the WISE Council voted unanimously to approve implementation plan of SU System.

Mr. Raspberry noted that it is important that Council discuss the possibility for technical adjustments within some of the plans without waiting for the next scheduled WISE Council meeting so that no one is held up.

On motion of Member Sandra Woodley, seconded by Member Ronald Mason, the Executive Committee of Regents be allowed to make technical changes that are not substantive to the nature in the plans as needed as they go forward, with the understanding that those adjustments be reported back to all members of WISE Council, the WISE Council voted to approve.

In closing, Mr. Rasberry reminded the Council that WISE funding is derived from three sources, State General Fund, Capital Outlay, and Community Development Block Grant funds. He added that Ms. Goodson and her staff will be evaluating the best source of funds for the approved plans and that she would work with system staff members during these deliberations. He also stated that Act 803 stipulates that funding by the Board of Regents can only be distributed upon receipt of a private match certification by the postsecondary education management board. Once this certification is verified by the Board of Regents, it must be reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget within thirty days. He added that all stakeholders should be present for the next WISE Council meeting, but it will be understood if someone can't be in attendance.

#### Other Business

Mr. Rasberry stated that the Communication Directors from our agencies have been working diligently to launch the new WISE website. He also stated that one of the features will be to provide information specifically from business and industry by featuring success stories of our partnerships along with the process for getting involved with WISE. He stated that within the next week our office would be contacting each member requesting the names of individuals who will serve as the WISE contact for each institution and agency and that this will be the contact person for business and industry if they are interested in forming a partnership through WISE. He also added that WISE Council should please begin to consider who those individuals will be.

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the WISE Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

# Appendix A

Guest List for October 21, 2014 for Board of Regents' Committee meetings

#### NAME

**Robert Barish** Mimi Hedgcock Kevin Flood John Vassdt Paul Sisson J.M. Moerschbaecher Ann Coulon **Bill Richardson** N.R. James Guy Lavergne Will Cefalu John Hamlin Paul Carlsen Rachel Kincaid Barbara Hatfield Haywood Joiner **Rogers** Leonard Neil Matkin **Renee Robichaux David Helveston** Chris Mestayer Bonnie Hymel **Jacques** Detiege Greg Smith Jimmy Sawtelle Susie Schowen

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