I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Eddie Rispone

II. Comments from the Chair
Eddie Rispone greeted the members in attendance and discussed the items on the agenda.

III. Presentation on 2018 Industry Projections Revisions
Dr. Stephen Barnes with LSU’s Division of Economic Development gave a presentation on the 2018 Employment Industry Forecast. The overall effect of recommended changes is an increase in 2018 forecast for statewide employment of 2,422. New Orleans, Shreveport and Lake Charles regional labor market areas had increases in overall forecasted employment relative to the current 2018 forecast. Baton Rouge, Alexandria and Monroe’s regional labor market areas had modest increases to the 2018 forecast resulting from this year’s review. The total forecasted 2018 employment for the Lafayette and Houma regional labor market areas remained unchanged after review. Also changes to staffing patterns recommended.

Action Item: Motion to accept 2018 Industry Projections proposal for presentation at the next full Workforce Investment Council Meeting; Motion carried.

IV. Discussion of Demand Occupations Definition
Patricia Lopez-Granier and Raj Jindal with the Louisiana Workforce Commission addressed the council with regard to how local areas define “occupations in demand” for the purposes of the Workforce Investment Act. They provided a break-down as a guide for the local Workforce Investment Boards in determining occupations in demand. It states in
general that level 1 (Top Demand) and level 2 (Demand) occupations are only derived at the regional labor market areas. Any occupations that are added at level 3 (Locally determined) occupations are determined by the local Workforce Investment Boards and reviewed on an annual basis to determine continued inclusion on the list.

V. Suggested Agenda Items for Future 2011 Meetings
The council discussed agenda items for the future dates for the Occupational Forecasting Conference

Adjournment