Members of the Council Present:
Charles Moniotte, Chair
Curt Eysink, LWC Executive Director
Louis Reine
Karen Zoeller
Susana Schowen, designee for Sec. Stephen Moret

Members of the Council Absent:
Dr. Dave Norris
Dr. Joe May
Dr. Yu Hsing
Phala Mire
Russell Armstrong

Guests in Attendance:
Dek Terrell, Director, LSU Division of Economic Development
Latika Bhavadway, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Kelly Ebey, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Patricia Granier, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Raj Jindal, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Dr. Stephen R. Barnes, Associate Director, LSU Division of Economic Development
Sachin Chintawar, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Scott Burns, LSU Division of Economic Development

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Charles Moniotte

II. Comments from the Chair
Mr. Moniotte greeted the members in attendance and discussed the items on the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes
A copy of the April 10, 2012 meeting minutes was provided for the members’ review but the approval vote was delayed until the June meeting since there was not a quorum.

IV. Presentation of Demand Occupations Star Rating System – Dr. Stephen Barnes, Associate Director, LSU Division of Economic Development
Dr. Barnes stated that they had gone back through the rating system and made modifications. He stated that LWC is working on a revision of the short term projections. But in the meantime, as a placeholder, they have taken the national short term projections to see how this fits together so that the whole list has that information.
Mr. Moniotte stated that how the occupational forecast is presented and explained is important. Mr. Eysink added that specific sets of information and supplemental explanations need to be added to the forecast to explain what is happening so that people will understand. The goal is to understand short and long term demands and to present short term demands to educational providers.

Dr. Barnes asked the committee whether to assign points based on openings using a full year, 120 days, or 90 days. He feels that this caused the results to vary a bit but it doesn’t have a big impact. The committee decided that the points should be assigned based on a time frame of a year.

He stated that there is a different ranking for each region and for the state as a whole for wages. The committee needs to decide on a way to calculate the stars. He divided total points by 2 but if there is not a concern about showing all underlying points to people on a website or printout, he suggested that after assigning scores, the top 10% get 5 stars and so forth since 5 star jobs will be aligned to training resources. Mr. Eysink summarized by stating that if an occupation doesn’t pay more than a certain amount that it can’t be more than a certain number of stars. Instead of dividing points by 2, it was decided that the bottom 20% by region would not get more than one star so that lower wages would be further down the list. There may be a relatively low number of 5 stars with only those in the top 10% receiving 5 stars but the goal is to highlight occupations that pay well. If they don’t pay well they will get a lower rating but this is not saying that they are not in demand. This ranking is just not advertising them as an occupation to aspire to.

Patty stated that they are still going to compute demand occupations as in prior years. The Star Rating system is tweaked to bring to the forefront those in top demand and to make clear to people what was really in demand but not to replace what we already have. The star rating system is a separate new product with a different expression.

Two ways to present the forecast:
1. Old methodology (top demand occupations)
2. The star system

Raj Jindal suggested that they look at how these two methods of presenting the occupational forecast compare with each other at the next meeting. Claudeidra Minor pointed out that the next meeting is June 19th and that the law states that WIC has to approve the forecast no later than June 30th. The final conference report should be ready for the June 26th WIC meeting.

V. Other Business
None

VI. Public Comments
None

Adjournment