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**Bobby Jindal**, Governor  
**Tim Barfield**, Executive Director

**2009 Occupational Forecasting Conference**  
**Tuesday, June 16, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Capitol Park Welcome Center**  
**702 River Road North**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**

**Members of the Conference Present:**

Tia Edwards  
James Henderson  
Stephen Moret  
Louis Reine  
Edward Rispone  
Karen Zoeller  
Dr. Dave Norris  
Dr. Yu Hsing

**Members of the Conference Absent:**

Camille Conaway

**LWC Staff Present:**

Tim Barfield  
Raj Jindal  
Patty Lopez-Grainer  
Dino Demarte  
Kelly Ebey

**Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Occupational Forecasting Conference (OFC) was brought to order by Mr. Edward Rispono, Chairman of the OFC. Mr. Rispono has worked the last couple of years to revitalize the OFC to make some changes are user friendly. He is excited to work with the conference and asked Executive Director Tim Barfield to do the introduction.

Executive Director Tim Barfield stated looking at reforms last year, define priorities, OFC move up a notch and develop past forecasting and use as a planning tool. Identify the workforce priorities for the state in terms of the economic development impact to the communities and critical services needed. WIA Program, One Stops, DSS, DHH, and DOC to align as much as we can to use the dollars received to get the training and have tangible occupations.

Chairman Rispono introduced the conference principals:  
Tia Edwards, Deputy Director of LA Workforce Commission  
Louis Reine, President of LA AFL-CIO  
Stephen Moret, Secretary of Economic Development  
James Henderson, Senior Vice-President of LCTCS  
Karen Zoeller, Vice President of LA Hospital Association

**Action Item – Selection of the Occupational Forecasting Conference**

Econometricians-Chairman Rispono

The nominees submitted for consideration are:

Dr. Gail Cramer, Chair  
Department of Agriculture Economics – LSU

Dr. Yu Hsing, Professor of Economics  
Southeastern Louisiana University

Dr. Dave Norris, Director  
Louisiana Tech University

Dr. Janet Speyrer, Associate Dean  
College of Business – UNO

Chairman Rispono had each econometrician to introduce themselves and then be excused from the room for the nomination. Mr. Louis Reine motioned to nominate Dr. Dave Norris and Dr. Yu Hsing as econometricians to the conference; seconded by Chairman Rispono. A letter will be sent to the econometricians that were not elected to the conference. The two elected econometricians will immediately serve on the conference.

## Industry and Occupational Projections and Top Demand Occupations

### **Dr. Dek Terrell – Methodology/Employment Projections – Review 2006-2016**

- Focuses on large industry sectors
- Conversations with key business leaders and economic development officials
- Consider new plant announcements and closures
- Modify existing forecasts as needed
- Modifications made for 177 RLMA-Industry forecasts of 760 total combinations

Modification Examples were given on the following areas around the state; New Orleans, Houma, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Shreveport and Monroe.

### **Raj Jindal, Patty Lopez-Grainer – Projection Milestones**

Ms. Jindal explained the Planned Projections for 2008-2018 Milestones timeline. LWC is engaging LSU to assist with the forecast. Information was given on general questions asked about Industry and Occupational Projections and Top Demand Occupations.

Chairman Rispono suggested a working meeting and a facilitator to help coordinate the OFC meetings. Karen Zoeller volunteered the LHA facility to use for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.