Members of the Council Present:
Art Farve
Curt Eysink
C.A. “Buck” Vandersteen
Charles Moniotte
Clarence Fields
Don Trahan
Donald Denese
Dr. Joe May
Dr. Mike Gargano, designee for Sally Clausen
Eddie Rispone
Ginger Laurent
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Janet Durden
Jim Urdiales
John Young
Julie Cherry
Kathy Bobbs
Keith Brand
Garry Warren, designee for Louis Reine
Mike Mitternight
Mike Palamone
Richard Noles
Robert Huckeba
Terry Baugh
Tim Barfield
Thomas O’Neal
Stephen Moret

Members of the Council Absent:
Craig Roussel
Katrina Thomas
Keith Myers
Kristy Nichols
Jimmy LeBlanc
Jorge Tarajano
Rep. Avon Honey
Rep. Cameron Henry
Rick Gremillion
Sen. Neil Riser
Madhu Beriwal
Dr. James Bulot

LWC Staff Present:
Benny Soulier
Beverly Joseph
Cathy Breaux
Cynthia Douglas
Fredell Butler
Johnny Riley
Patricia Lopez-Granier
Raj Jindal
Robert Roux
Rosalyn Cousin
Tia Edwards

Louisiana Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) Present:
LWIB 10, LWIB 11, LWIB 12, LWIB 20, LWIB 21, LWIB 40, LWIB 41, LWIB 50, LWIB 51, LWIB 60, LWIB 61, LWIB 70, LWIB 71, LWIB 81, LWIB 83
Call to Order:
The meeting of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council (WIC) was brought to order by Chairman Edward Rispone. WIC members introduced themselves stating their industry or stakeholder affiliation.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
The minutes for the June 30, 2009 meeting were approved by the WIC with no opposition.

Discussion for Strategic Planning Retreat- Rudy Gomez, SSA Consultants
The Retreat is scheduled for September 16, 2009 from 9:30am-4:00pm at the Capitol Park Welcome Center, Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Gomez gave a summary of the WIC member interviews, WIC progress to date, gaining an understanding of workforce development and roles and responsibilities of all relevant stakeholders according to Act 743.

Workforce Related Funding and Louisiana Workforce Commission-L.J. Schmitt, State Budget Manager-Division of Administration and Benny Soulier, Chief Financial Officer-LWC
Mr. Schmitt presented the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 as it is related to workforce development programs. The total funding information collected by the Office of Planning and Budget was $897,977,630. The funding breakdown given was reported by various state agencies. Mr. Soulier discussed the Workforce Commission recurring funds which total $118,759,726, and one-time revenue totaling $85,895,488. The total Workforce Commission funding for fiscal year 2009-2010 is $204,655,214.

Action Item – Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) State Plan
Teresa Milner, Department of Social Services-LRS, gave an overview of the LRS State Plan. Title I, Section 101 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires that all state agencies administering a vocational rehabilitation program submit a State Plan annually detailing how funds received from the federal government will be utilized to meet the requirements of the Act. The sections submitted for review by the Workforce Investment Council are the sections of the State Plan that have changes included and need to be submitted as the 2010 State Plan Update for federal approval by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

The Louisiana Rehabilitation Services’ 2010 State Plan was approved by the WIC with no opposition.

The 2009-2010 Occupational Forecasting Conference and Workforce Investment Counsel meeting schedule was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.