Call to Order:
The meeting of the Workforce Investment Council was called to order by Chairman Edward Rispone.
Approval of the minutes from the April 20th meeting was approved with no opposition. Chairman Rispone
introduced newly appointed member Ronald Williams of Lake Charles, representing Business and Industry. Resignation of Sue Ann Cox, at Large Business Member was accepted.

**Action Item:** Approval of Occupational Forecasting Conference Report of Industry and Occupational Projections for 2008-2018

Dr. Dek Terrell went over the Occupational Forecasting Projection for 2018 and updated the council on the changes to the forecast.

Motion was made by Dr. Joe May and second by Kathy Bobbs that the Occupational Forecast be accepted. It was accepted with no opposition.

**Action Item:** Approval of 2011 Louisiana Rehabilitation Services State Plan

Teresa Milner, LRS and Rosiland Starks, LRS presented the 2011 Rehabilitation Services State Plan to the WIC Council. The LRS is currently an agency with the Department of Social Services that assist individuals with disability to obtain or maintain employment. Vocational Rehabilitation is a nationwide program and the Rehab Act is Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act. Each year we submit our annual state plan updates for review and approval. Included in the packet is a one page summary highlight of our annual updates for this year. LRS is updating the mandatory attachments of the 2011 State Plan per federal requirements. A copy of the agency’s complete State Plan Update is on file with the Workforce Investment Council office for review.

- For FY 2009, 2353 persons with disabilities were successfully employed after receiving vocational rehabilitation services.
- Louisiana rehabilitation Services estimates that it will serve 23,013 individuals during fiscal year 2010 – 2011. Of this number, approximately 2,811 will received supported employment services.
- LRS continues to be involved with the Workforce Commission and has established working relationships with all 67 of the Career Solution Center locations within the 18 Workforce Investment Areas. As of July 1st they will become an agency under the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Primary services that LRS provide when an individual comes in are as follows:
1. Vocational Evaluation Assessment to assist them in determining an appropriate vocational goal.
2. Provide any type of training that would be appropriate
3. Supported employment-job coaches that would actually go the worksite with them and assist them in learning the employment. Once they becomes familiar with the job duties that they are performing the job coaches weans away. They began to perform the job task along. Once they can do that successfully than we track them for sufficient amount of times to make sure they are going to be able to maintain that level functioning on the job.
4. Provide college scholarships

Motion was made by Jorge Talajano and second by C.A. “Buck” Vandersteen to approve the LRS 2011 State Plan Updates. The council approved with no opposition.

**Action Item:** Approval of Industry Based Certifications
- Meat Processing
- Home Builders Institute (HBI) Certification for Residential Construction

Dr. Paul Theriot presented the Industry Based Certification for Meat Processing, one that was brought back to the WIC Council because it was tabled for reconsideration at a previous meeting because of some concerns because it is a brand new certification. They went back and worked the Industry Partners to address specific concerns from the IBC Coordinating Council.

Some of the concerns that the council brought to us was:
➢ It was a brand new certificate. They wanted to make sure that there was an agency willing to sign on as the certifying agency. The Louisiana Association of Meat Processors has agreed to fulfill that need. In additional the Louisiana Retailer Association will be supporting this certificate also.

➢ Most of the Meat Processing jobs will be in Independent Grocers. That’s why is was a big deal to have Louisiana Retailer Association as well as Associated Grocery representing the independent grocers signing on.

➢ The training will be started in the high schools with future concerns in secondary schools

Adjournment