Members of the Executive Committee Present:
Kathy Bobbs
Curt Eysink
Art Favre
Mike Mitternight
Mike Palamone
Eddie Rispone, Chairman
Jorge Tarajano

Members of the Executive Committee Absent:
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Joe May
Charles Moniotte
Louis Reine
Buck Vandersteen

Guests Present:
Raj Jindal, Louisiana Workforce Commission
Stephen Harris, Louisiana Workforce Commission

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rispone.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Eddie Rispone called the meeting to order and proceeded with the first order of business

II. Approval of Minutes

A draft of the minutes from the January Executive Council meeting was given to each member for their review and approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion passed.

III. Update on Functional Alignment of Workforce Investment Boards

Claudeidra Minor introduced the council to a Resolution that was created by the Rapides Parish Police Jury opposing the realignment of the Workforce Investment Boards stating that the proposed realignment is an attempt for cost-savings and functional realignment of services and would adversely affect local funding and services provided to participants and constituents in the area. The Rapids Parish Police Jury is sending their resolution to the Governor’s office as well as other parish jury boards to ask them to join them in opposing this realignment. Curt Eysink gave an update from his NASWA meeting in Washington, DC and how the new proposed Federal Budget will affect the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
IV. Update on Occupational Forecasting

Raj Jindal, Director of Information Technology gave an update on Occupational Forecasting. The purpose of the Occupational Forecasting is to predict job growth and demand for the Louisiana region. The forecast uses staffing patterns to show which industries employ what type of people. They are currently updating the forecast for 2008-2018.

V. Discussion of Industry Based Certification

Charles Moniotte has chosen member to sit on the IBC Committee. They will be notified and asked to meet on March 15, 2011 prior to the WIC Council meeting. An email along with a memo will be sent from Claudeidra Minor following this meeting that outlines roles and responsibility of the IBC and what they are charged with. Those that can participate are asked to respond as to their availability at that time.

VI. Status of Accountability and Performance Measures

Claudeidra Minor addressed the council and gave a presentation on the Accountability and Performance Measures. In the presentation she explained what workforce development encompasses and she also gave an overview of the State Law and the Federal Workforce Investment Act. Claudeidra gave a list of the Workforce Development participants and Best Practices for the measures. During the presentation she gave a breakdown of the measures that are being developed and what information is currently available to us. A more in-depth look at the measures will be given at the full Workforce Investment Council meeting.

VII. Other Business

The chairman discussed with the council the importance of the survey that they will be receiving next week regarding the Workforce Investment Council and the direction in which it is headed. He is asking all of them to complete the survey and provide their ideas and suggestions. He also made them aware that a new Chairman/Co-Chairman will have to be chosen by the council.

Meeting was adjourned