



## Workforce Investment Council

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Bobby Jindal, Governor  
Edward Rispone, Chairman

### **Louisiana Workforce Investment Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

*Louisiana State Police Training Academy  
7901 Independence Blvd  
Baton Rouge, La 70806*

#### **Members of the Council Present:**

Art Favre  
Charles Moniotte  
Brian Breaux designee for Charles "Buck"  
Vandersteen  
Craig Roussel  
David Helveston designee for Exec. Director  
Curt Eysink  
Chairman Eddie Rispone  
David Boneno designee for Ginger Laurent  
Bryan Gautreaux designee for Hilda Curry  
Jacqueline Beauchamp  
Whalen Gibbs designee for Sec. James Leblanc  
Jason Dedon  
Jim Urdiales  
Kathleen Meaux designee for Dr. Joe May  
Darryl Ward designee for John Young  
Johnny Sabathe designee for Julie Cherry  
Kathy Bobbs

Katrina Thomas  
Garry Warren designee for Keith Brand  
Charles Habig designee for Louis Reine  
Martha Manuel  
Michael Mitternacht  
Joe Salter designee for Ollie Tyler  
Ronald Williams  
Myron Berzas designee for Sec. Ruth Johnson  
Steven Grissom designee for Sec. Stephen Moret  
Glenyss Naro designee for Terry Baugh  
Dr. Lisa Vosper designee for Commissioner Jim  
Purcell

#### **Members of the Council Absent:**

Alden Andre  
Rep. Cameron Henry  
Senator Elbert Guillory  
Janet Durden  
Jorge Tarajano  
Keith Myers  
Michael Palamone  
Sen. Neil Riser  
Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith

Richard Noles  
Stafford Palmieri  
Tom O'Neal  
Richard Gremillion - Resigned

#### **Guests in Attendance**

Johnny Riley, LWC  
Paul Theriot, LDOE  
Ramesh Kolluro, ULL  
Mayra Silva, ULL  
Dean Mallory, ULL  
Mark Smith, ULL  
Mike Venable, ULL  
Jody Trohan, LRS  
Teresa Milner, LRS  
Rob Roux, LWC  
Lauren Rispone, ISC  
Phyllis Mouton, BRCC  
Mike Morris, LWIA#40  
Elaine Morace, LWIA#61  
Bryan Moore  
Sandra Redmon, WIB60

Cassie Johnson, Legis Auditor  
Venetia Gooder, Legis Auditor  
Cynthia Douglas, LWIA#21  
Virgie Rodgers, LWIA#20, 21  
Penny Collins, LWIA#21  
Delicia Cann, LWIA#21  
Melissa Grimmatt, LWC  
Kelly Ebey, LWC  
Raj Jindal, LWC  
Auther Williams, LWC  
Doretha Bennett, LWIA#41  
Glenn Dugas, LWIA#41  
Wynetta Wilson, LWIA#41  
Patty Granier, LWC  
Gloria Abels, LWIA#20

## **I. Comments From The Chair:**

Chairman Rispone greeted the council and discussed the items on the agenda.

## **II. Approval of Minutes:**

Motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was accepted and seconded.

## **III. Consideration and Approval of Louisiana Workforce Investment State Plan**

Rob Roux with the Louisiana Workforce Commission addressed the council regarding the approval of the Louisiana State Workforce Investment Plan for title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act. The current State Plan will expire on June 30, 2011. Approved waivers currently in place will also expire on or before June 30, 2011. A proposed state plan for the period July 2011 – June 30, 2012 has been prepared and after being distributed for public comment is being presented to the Office of the Governor, Louisiana Workforce Investment Council for presentation review and approval as a part of their responsibility which is outlined in the State Plan. After the presentation the motion was made to approve the State Plan. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **IV. Consideration and Approval of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services State Plan**

Teresa Milner, Bureau Administrator for Louisiana Rehabilitation Services, addressed the council regarding the approval of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services 2012 State Plan. They are required to submit a state plan annually detailing how funds received from the federal government will be utilized to meet the requirements of the Act. Only the sections that have changes are required to be submitted. The sections submitted for review by the Workforce Investment Council are sections of the State plan that have revisions and need to be submitted as the 2012 State Plan Update for federal approval. After reviewing these changes the motion was made to approve the State Plan Update. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **V. Consideration and Approval of Requirements for Certification Inclusion on the IBC Focus List and Industry-Based Certification Application**

Charles Moniotte addressed the council regarding the approval of requirements for certification inclusion on the IBC focus list and Industry Based Certification application. The IBC council has provided a cover-letter that states what an Industry-Based Certification is why it's needed and what purpose the focus list serves. It also lets you know how you can be on the list and the criteria that must be met. The purpose is to provide employers the information they need to award certification to potential employees and to provide potential employees with a clearly defined career ladder for the industry of their choice. The motion was made to accept the IBC requirements for certification inclusion and the Industry-based certification application. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **VI. Consideration and Approval of Procedures to Select WIC Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Claudeidra Minor provided the council with a memorandum which addresses the procedure for the selection of the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Workforce Investment Council. She clarified that the federal law states that the Governor appoints a chairperson for the Workforce Investment Council. The council can make suggestions to the Governor's office but the final decision comes from him. The Chairman shall be selected from among the members representing business and industry appointed by the governor. The memo also states that the council can create standing and ad hoc committees as it deems appropriate. Such as a nominating committee to select the vice chairman.

## **IX. Consideration and Approval of Procedure to Remove WIC Member for Failure to Meet Attendance Requirement**

Claudeidra Minor provided the council with a memorandum which addresses the removal procedure of a WIC member for failure to attend the required number of meetings. The law states that the governor may remove any appointed member of the council for cause including misconduct, incompetency, neglect of duty or absence from more than one-half of the regularly scheduled council meetings in any calendar year. A recommendation was made that the council adopt a policy with regard to the procedure for removal. The policy states that a council member must attend one half of the regularly scheduled meetings in any calendar year. When a member fails to attend regularly in any calendar year, the Council shall take the following action:

- A. After three (3) absences from regular meetings within a calendar year, the member and nominating entities shall be notified in writing by the Council informing them that a fourth absence from a regular meeting within a calendar year shall constitute cause for the council to recommend to the Governor that the member be removed from the office prior to the completion of his/her term.

- B. After four (4) absences from regular meetings within a calendar year, the Council shall notify said member in writing that his/her attendance record will be furnished to the governor along with a written request from the Council signed by the Chairman for removal of the member who fails to attend regularly in any calendar year.
- C. The provision of the Section shall only apply to persons appointed by the Governor.

A recommendation was made to add the word “designee” to section II of the memorandum. A motion was made to adopt the policy with the suggested edits. The motion was seconded and carried.

**X. Status of Accountability and Performance Measures**

Claudeidra Minor provided the council members with a list of the measures that were developed. She also provided members with results in connection with the measures that were provided by the ULL through the Workforce Simulator.

**XI. Demonstration of Workforce Simulator by The University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette addressed the council and demonstrated the Workforce Simulator they created to provide labor market information and the results in connection with the accountability and performance measures.

**XII. Other Business**

Art Favre will chair the WIC Nominating Committee that will consist of 3-5 individuals. They will work together to choose a Vice-Chairman for the Workforce Investment Council. He will work with the staff in coordinating the first meeting.

**Adjournment**