Louisiana Workforce Investment Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
Louisiana State Police Training Academy
7901 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, La 70806

Members of the Council Present:
Alden Andre
Art Favre
Chairman, Charles Moniotte
Exec. Director Curt Eysink
Eddie Rispone
Hilda Curry
Whalen Gibbs, Designee for Sec. James Leblanc
Jason Dedon
Jennifer Boggs
Lisa Vosper, Designee for Comm Jim Purcell
Jimmy Sawtelle, Designee for Dr. Joe May
John Young
Jorge Tarajano
Julie Cherry
Kathy Bobbs
Katrina Thomas
Louis Reine
Martha Manuel
Michael Mitternight
Michael Palamone
Joe Salter, Designee for Ollie Tyler
Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith
Terry Baugh
Myron Berzas, Designee for Sec. Ruth Johnson
Thomas Mitchiner O’Neal
Stafford Palmiere

Members of the Council Absent:
Rep. Cameron Henry
Charles Vandersteen
Craig Roussell
Senator Elbert Guillory
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Janet Durden
Jim Urdiales
Keith Brand
Keith Myers
Sen. Neil Riser
Richard Gremillion – Resigned
Richard Noles
Ronald Williams
Sec. Stephen Moret

Guests in Attendance
Penny Collins, LWIA 21
Kelly Ebey, LWC
Jacques Lasseigne, LWC
Courtney Breaux, LWIA 41
Glenn Dugas, Laf, WIB
Raj Jindal, LWC
Patty Granier, LWC
Hope Lindley, LWIA 21
Anna Sweat, LWIA 21
Sissie Troutman, LWIA 50
Elaine Brister, LWIA 50
Paul Theriot, LDOE
Elaine Morace, LWIA 61
Katie McCarty, LWIA 82&83
Sachin Chitawar, LWC
Gay Stringer, LWIA 60
Stephanie Seemion, LWIB 51
Jay Augustine, LWC
Sondra Redmon, WIB 60
Missy Grimmett, LWC
Bryan Moore, LWC
Jamie Coleman, LWIA 14
Bryan Gautreaux
Daryl Ward
I. Comments from the Chair:
Chairman Charles Moniotte addressed the council and introduced new member Jennifer Boggs, nominated by the Louisiana Bankers Association to represent the Financial and Insurance Industry. Condolences were offered to Alden Andre on the loss of his wife. The resignation of Ms. Aiesta Davis, Administrative Assistant, to move on to better opportunities was announced. Mrs. Margie Williams, who will be assisting with the WIC, was introduced.

II. Approval of Minutes:
Motion was made to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Motion was accepted and seconded.

III. Presentation and Discussion of the Role of Education in Facing Current and Future Challenges in Louisiana by Dr. Jim Purcell, Commissioner of Higher Education.

Board of Regents focus on three main goals:

- To increase the education attainment of its citizens;
- To invest strategically in university research; and
- To become a more efficient and accountable enterprise.

The annual enrollment of Public Institutions was up from Fiscal Year 2006 to Fiscal Year 2011 by 125,000 students. Certificates and Degrees awarded increased by 28 percent.

Board of Regents’ Workforce Alignment Efforts:

- Academic Program Review/New Program Approvals
- Grad Act
- Increasing Adult Engagement in Postsecondary Education
- Regional Outreach Efforts.

Postsecondary education has become the gate keeper to the middle class and the upper class. We have to decide at some instinct if we will have a middle class in Louisiana. There a national study that indicated 60% of jobs will require a postsecondary credential by 2018. In Louisiana specifically they said 50% of jobs. It is said that currently Louisiana has a workforce with half of this. Statistically if we don’t adjust this, those jobs will go somewhere else. By 2018, more than 50% of jobs will require a postsecondary credential. Louisiana currently has a workforce with less than half of what will be needed. Unless there are systemic changes, in 2018 Louisiana will:

1. rank 6th in the nation in the percentage of jobs for high school dropouts;
2. rank 5th in the nation in the percentage of jobs for high school graduates;
3. rank 50th in the nation for jobs requiring an associate degree;
4. rank 45th in the nation in the percentage of jobs for college graduates;
5. rank 47th in the nation in the percentage of jobs for people with graduates degrees and
6. rank next to last in the percent of jobs requiring Postsecondary Education.

We are at a turning point. Louisiana has to decide whether to do a better job at educating its people or serve as a great conveniently located source for cheap labor.

What is our collective vision of what Louisiana will look like in the future? There is a relationship between education and capital income. Louisiana rank last with percentage of young adults with a college degree.

The number and quality of skilled workers in Louisiana is dismal, according to a recent report evaluating the state’s manufacturing abilities. The 2011 Manufacturing and Logistics National Report by the center for business and Economic Research at Ball State University in Indiana gave Louisiana a failing grade in the important are of “human capital.” All 50 states were included in the study. The two policy agendas for higher education—one for more students and more degrees, the other for better workers and better jobs – are inextricably linked. Pursuing them simultaneously may eventually gather enough collective momentum to usher the United States into a new era job creation, American competitiveness and shared prosperity.
IV. Consideration and Approval of Industry Based Certification Applications
Dr. Paul Theriot, Department of Education; gave an overview of three (3) Industry-Based Certifications Applications for review and approval by the WIC Committee. The applications were approved by the Workforce Investment Council.

a. Submitting Organization: La Delta Community College & LCTCS
   IBC Title: Manufacturing Specialist

b. Submitting Organization: La School for the Visually Impaired
   IBC Title: Randolph-Sheppard Vending Partial Certification

c. Submitting Organization: La School for the Visually Impaired
   IBC Title: Certified Braillist

V. Information on Eligible Training Provider Performance Levels presented by Bryant Moore, Director of Office of Workforce Development.
This presentation was informational purpose only to update the WIC periodically on some of the services that is provided by WIA at the local level and some of the responsibilities at the Workforce Commission that the local level has the tools and research

VI. Approval of the 2012 Meeting Schedule.
The 2012 Meeting Schedule was approved by the WIC and will be sent out to each committee member via electronic calendar.

VII. Demonstration of Green Jobs Website was presented by Raj Jindal, OIS/IT Director.
Growing Green website offers the latest information on Louisiana’s green economy. A demonstration of the different resources you can find on this website:
   ● Browse the various pages through easy navigation tool
   ● Search for a Green Job near you from the homepage
   ● Check reports or go directly to various sections of the website
   ● View the top five most recent jobs opening in Louisiana
   ● Watch the video tutorial to know how to navigate through the Growing Green website.

VIII. Presentation by Region VI Workforce Investment Area
   ● Sandra Redmon/LWIA 60 and Elaine Morace LWIA 61
   ● Adult training- Day and night classes
   ● Provide training for Army forces re-entry into the workforce

IX. Report on Accountability and Performance Measures
Claudeidra Minor addressed the council with regard to the progress of the accountability and performance measures. She discussed the analysis from the workforce simulator and the information it contained. The next step in the process is to do an analysis of the information provided with the help of the economist on staff with the Louisiana Workforce Commission. A draft report of that data will then be provided to the Executive Committee for their review/approval. She also informed them that the Department of Education does have some information on private schools and we are working with them to gather that information. The data sharing agreements with our partner agencies are also being reviewed.

Adjournment