Louisiana Workforce Investment Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th Floor Auditorium
1001 North 23rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Members of the Council Present:
Charles Moniotte, Chair
Alden Andre
Art Farve
Brian Breaux, Designee for Charles Vandersteen
Rep. Clay Schexnayder
Dennis Fanguy, Designee for Craig Roussel
Curt Eysink, LWC Exec. Director
Eddie Rispone
Bryan Gautreaux, Designee for Hilda Curry
Dr. Lisa Vosper, Designee for Comm. Jim Purcell
Dr. Jerry Ryan, Designee for Dr. Joe May
Glenyss Naro, Designee for Terry Baugh
Darryl Ward, Designee for John Young
Jorge Tarajano
Julie Cherry
Kathy Bobbs
Keith Brand
Chad Lauga, Designee for Louis Reine
Margaret McGarity
Michael Mitternight
Michael Palamone
Myron Berzas, Designee for Sec. Ruth Johnson
Susana Schowen, Designee for Sec. Stephen Moret

Members of the Council Absent:
Sen. A.G. Crowe
Sen. Elbert Guillory
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Sec. James LeBlanc
Jason Dedon
Jennifer Boggs
Jim Urdiales
John White
Katrina Thomas
Keith Myers
Rep. Patricia Smith
Ronald Williams
Russell Armstrong
Thomas O’Neal

Guests Present:
Brenda Hubbard, WIB 40
Charles Duplechain, LWIA 41
Courtney Breaux, LWIA 41
Dawn Saucier, LDOE
Dek Terrel, LSU Division of Economic Development
Elaine Morace, LWIA 61
Glenn Dugas, LWIB 41
Judy Trahan, LWC
Mark Martin, LWC
Melissa Kirsch, LWIA 10
Missy Grimmet, LWC
Patty Granier, LWC
Paul Theriot, LDOE
Raj Jindal, LWC
Scott Burns, LSU Division of Economic Development
Sondra Redmon, LWB 60
Dr. Stephen Barnes, LSU Division of Economic Development
Teresa Milner, LWC
Tina Johnstone, LWIA 41

I. Call to Order
Chair Charles Moniotte called the meeting to order.

II. Comments from the Chair
Mr. Moniotte stated that there was a discussion of open access between LCTCS and the Board of Regents at the last meeting and that this had been resolved. He also commented on the outreach to the WIBs project and asked members to be prepared to report back to the Council in the fall regarding this.
III. Approval of Minutes
A copy of the March meeting minutes was provided to the members for their review. Eddie Rispone made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes and Kathy Bobbs seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

IV. Overview of Industry-Based Certifications Applications
Paul Theriot, Department of Education, gave an overview of two (2) Industry-Based Certifications Applications for review and approval by the WIC Committee. The applications were approved by the Workforce Investment Council:

A. Submitting Organization: American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
   IBC Title: Pre-Professional Assessment and Certification (Pre-Pac), Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel
   Dr. Ryan moved to approve this application and Dr. Vosper seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

B. Submitting Organization: National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS)
   IBC Title: Metalworking Certifications
   Dr. Vosper moved to approve this certification. Mike Mitternight seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

V. Consideration and Approval of 2013 Louisiana Rehabilitation Services State Plan—Teresa Milner, LWC LRS
Ms. Milner explained the updates to the LRS State Plan per federal requirements relative to the following areas:
- Second Injury Trust Fund (placed 540 individuals with disabilities at a cost of $2,250 per person)
- Order of Selection to ensure priority for VR services to most significantly disabled
- Training opportunities for transition students
- 2,213 persons with disabilities were employed after receiving vocational rehabilitation services
- Established relationships with LWC Business and Career Solutions Centers within the WIAs
- Projected revenue ($45,857,412) and estimated individuals (27,918) to serve in FY 2013
- Social Security’s Cost Reimbursement and Ticket-to-Work Programs (received $1,215,397.12 in FY 2011)
- Quality Assurance (Reviewed 351 consumer service records during 2011 and compliance was measured at 96.6% accuracy)
- 5 year Rehabilitation Services Administration In-Services Training Grant (currently in 2nd year)
- Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (Counselors are required to obtain Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling – Eight are currently working toward this and 2 graduated in FY 2011)

Michael Palamone made a motion to approve the LRS State Plan. Kathy Bobbs seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

VI. Consideration and Approval of Industry Projections
Dek Terrel, Director of the LSU Division of Economic Development, gave an explanation of the history of the projects of his division at LSU and the approach to this forecast. The division typically has 10-20 projects with the state and federal government. The largest single group of projects is with the Workforce Commission on a variety of different topics. They also work with Louisiana Department of Economic Development, DHH, USDA and Homeland Security.

This forecasting project began with a request that they help with the regional industry forecasts of which there are over 800 region industry combinations. The general approach is to first forecast demand by industry and then forecast demand by occupation because there are good measures from unemployment data for employment by industry but not good measures for occupational demand because this is based on surveys.
The division attempts to become more sophisticated in how they generate the forecast every year. Too much automation of the process can lead to error. The first thing done is that the data is run through a program called Micro matrix which is produced by the federal government for every state but our data doesn’t look like it would in other states because of Katrina and then the recession.

Dr. Stephen Barnes explained that he has worked on the forecast for the last 6 months and most of his time over the last three years on the forecast. They have pushed for increased quality and for expanding the scope of reaching out to industry associations to see what might be coming down the road in addition to the historical models.

From 2010-2020 there is 14.4% growth rate for Louisiana which is significantly faster growth than the previous 10 year period forecast which was 8% for Louisiana. The growth this year is a little higher than the nation as a whole. Previously we were trailing the nation but now will be moving faster than the nation as a whole. We don’t have as much recovery to do as the rest of the nation.

By 2020 this puts Louisiana at 2.1 million jobs. Louisiana lost about 2.5% of employment in the last two years. We see that we are not at the 2.2 million jobs projected for 2018 so there were some permanent effects of the recession. Businesses learn to do more with fewer workers during a recession and some of it sticks which is actually good for business.

The forecast process starts with industry-based models since there is very good data for industry. All 846 regional industry forecasts for every industry in each of the 8 regions of the state are considered using the MicroMatrix software. The preliminary forecast is considered and then the models and trends are revisited in order to think more about economic causes of the historical trends. The Division expanded their reach to business and industry associations and has made their best efforts to track economic development throughout the state through contact with LED for a sense of what is coming down the road.

Louisiana has had an atypical last 10 years. No other state faced the challenge of Katrina in modeling future employment and then the nation moved into a recession. Louisiana fared better than the nation as a whole but also experienced a recession. It is hard to pick up on the trend because of these factors. Dr. Barnes further discussed various industry projections provided in his PowerPoint presentation and handouts.

Eddie Rispone motioned to approve the projections with the contingency to review with LED the probability of major projects. Mike Mitternight seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

VII. Other Business
Claudeidra Minor discussed two handouts that were provided in the packet. First, the Workforce Investment Council and Affiliations page shows the sectors that members represent. The Elderly Affairs category needs to be updated to show Margaret McGarity. She stated that the Chair and she were working with the Governor’s office to fill several vacancies reflected on the handout.

The second is a list of members from the Louisiana Boards and Commissions site which shows that some members’ terms will expire June 30, 2012. She asked that members let their associations know about their expiration dates so that they can communicate with the Governor’s office on whether they would like to continue serving on the Council. She explained that the terms were staggered, some were 2 years, 4 years and some are even 6 years. She explained that under Louisiana law, a member continues to serve until he/she is reappointed or replaced. Mr. Rispone asked if term information could be provided for the members.

VIII. Public Comments
None

Meeting was adjourned