Workforce Investment Council

Tuesday, August 21, 2012
9:30 a.m.
Louisiana State Police Training Academy
7901 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Members of the Council Present:
Charles Moniotte, Chair
Art Favre
Brent Golleher
Charles Vandersteen
Ray Barker, Designee for Craig Roussel
Brian Moore, Designee for Curt Eysink
Cathy Gautreaux, Designee for Thomas O'Neal
Eddie Rispone
Bryan Gautreaux, Designee for Hilda Curry
Whalen Gibbs, Designee for James Leblanc
Jim Urdiales
Lisa Vosper, Designee for Jim Purcell
Darryl Ward, Designee for John Young
Jorge Tarajano
Julie Cherry
Kathy Bobbs
Keith Brand
Michael Mitternight
Michael Palamone
Rep. Patricia Smith

Members of the Council Absent:
Sen. A. G. Crowe
Alden Andre
Rep. Clay Schexnayder
Sen. Elbert Guillory
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Jennifer Boggs
Joe May
John White
Katrina Thomas
Keith Myers
Margaret McGarity
Ronald Williams
Russell Armstrong
Terry Baugh

Guest Present:
David Helveston
Sachin Chintawar
Raj Jindal
Sondra Redmon
Penny Collins
Terri Mitchell
Elaine Morace
Robert Roux, LWC

Chad Lauga, Designee for James Dedon
Susana Schowen, Designee for Stephen Moret
Myron Berzas, Designee for Suzy Sonnier
Joseph Ardoin, Designee for Louis Reine

Rep. Patricia Smith

Brigitte Nieland
Shana Veades
Phyllis Coleman Mouton
Stephen Barnes
I. Call to Order
Chairman Charles Moniotte called the meeting to order.

II. Comments from the Chair
Mr. Moniotte thanked Ms. Bobbs for a job well done during his absence at the last meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes
A copy of the June meeting minutes was provided to the members for their review and approval. Eddie Rispone made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Mitternight seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

IV. Election of Workforce Investment Council Vice Chair
Claudeidra Minor addressed the council regarding electing a vice chairman. She made reference to the Louisiana R.S. 23: 2045 included in their packet. The floor is opened for nominees. Eddie Rispone made a motion to elect Kathy Bobbs. Julie Cherry closed nominations. Art Favre seconded the motion. All were in favor none were opposed.

V. Presentation on Louisiana Course Choice
David Lefkowith, Louisiana Department of Education, discussed via conference call the Course Choice Program goals and objectives. He stated that LDOE will be recruiting and BESE will be approving a broad range of potential Course Choice providers. He goes on to state that the request for application was made available on the website as of July 15th, 2012 and that applications are currently being uploaded by potential providers.

Key challenges
1. Securing high-impact, high-quality course offerings from qualified course providers, including businesses and industry associations; getting industry to apply to be course providers.
2. Developing a highly functional Course Choice Registration System
3. Supporting educator – especially professional school counselors – during implementation

VI. Consideration and Approval of Star Rating System
Dr. Stephen Barnes, Associate Director with the LSU Division of Economic Development addressed the Council regarding the four components of the Star Rating System, (1) Long Term Annual Demand, (2) Long Term Percent Growth, (3) Recent Job Openings and (4) Wages. Each category rated 1-10 based on percentiles. Categories averaged (Wages x2) and divided by 2. Stars rounded up to the next whole number. Wage Rule: (a) 1-20th percentile: max 1, (b) 21-40th percentile: max 2 and (c) 41-50th percentile: max 3. Eddie Rispone made a motion to approve the Star System Computation Method and Chair Charles Moniotte seconded. All were in favor and none were opposed.

VII. Discussion of 2020 Occupational Forecast Outreach Plan
Raj Jindal presented an overview on how future job seekers will navigate through the online job search database using the Star Rating System.

VIII. Consideration of Removal Procedure Policy Adopted by Council
Claudeidra Minor made a request for a motion to suspend the current Removal Procedure Policy. She will draft a new policy, in conciliation with the chairman, for consideration for the October 16th, 2012 council meeting. A motion was made and seconded by Council Members. All were in favor, none were opposed.

IX. Other Business
None

X. Public Comments
None

XI. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned