WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 9, 2014  
Governor's Press Room, Louisiana State Capitol

I. Call to Order and Roll Call  
Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman, Charles Moniotte. David Helveston called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded the minutes.

II. Comments from the Chair  
a. Each group/business sector will need to provide a 30 minute update during the next meeting.  
b. An example format will be provided for these presentations to ensure consistency.

III. Consideration and Approval of Recommendations from the Industry–Based Certifications (IBC) Council  
a. The council heard from advocates for the HVAC Excellence certification and discussed EPA Universal.  
   i. **IBC Title**: HVAC Excellence Employment Ready Certifications: Electrical, Electric Heat, and Air Conditioning: *Install or repair heating, central air conditioning, or refrigeration systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces, and heating stoves.*  
   ii. **IBC Title**: Environmental Protection Agency Universal (EPA Type 1, EPA Type 2, EPA Type 3): *Install or repair heating, central air conditioning, or refrigeration systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces, and heating stoves.*  
b. The HVAC Excellence certification is similar to the NCCER certification, but it is not always available everywhere.  
c. There were no questions. Edward Rispone moved to accept the HVAC Excellence certification and the EPA Universal certification. Michael Mitternacht seconded the motion.  
d. David Helveston requested that council members share ideas for IBC list additions from their respective industries.

IV. Consideration and Approval of TOPS Tech Early Start Program List  
a. The council discussed funding-eligible programs and which programs prepare students for four- and five-star jobs.  
b. A motion was called for approval and seconded.

V. Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for the Professional Healthcare Opportunities Careers and Support (PHOCAS) Grant  
a. The motion was called for approval and seconded.

VI. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation  
a. LWC Executive Director, Curt Eysink proved an update on WIOA.  
b. Updated WIOA will remove silos and provide a single, state workforce plan.  
c. Key changes:
i. Increase the percentage of WIB members representing the community.
ii. The Workforce Investment Council membership will change.

d. Regulations will be released in January.

VII. **Craft Steering Committee update**

a. Jorge Tarajano provided an update on the Craft Steering Committee Plan progress.
b. The movement of funds has been adjusted in order to update LCTCS facilities around the state for craft occupation training.
c. The retention committee has increased the quantity of outreach.
d. The recruitment team is working on getting underemployed students Pell grants so they can have better employment prospects.
e. $1 million has been collected thus far for a marketing campaign.
f. A presentation was given on the purpose and activities of the Louisiana Workforce Education Initiative (LWEI).
g. LWEI members requested that WIC members share information about this group to their peers and to donate to the effort.

VIII. **High School Subcommittee Presentation**

a. The committee did a survey on college and career planning.
b. An assessment was done on the planning services in the state. Career compass was used in many school districts.
c. At least one adult should provide career counseling to each student in the schools.

IX. **Other Business**

a. LA Connect – A representative spoke about the project. They are in the staffing process. They have created a project road map for the next several months. They have
   i. Made extensive investments to the user interface.
   ii. Mapped courses and an overall course catalog.
   iii. Integrated student information with transcripts, which will provide a roadmap to attaining goals.

b. LWC update
   i. Forecasts for job growth and the job numbers over the last 10-15 years were provided.
   ii. Number in the civilian labor force, past and in the future
   iii. Action item: David to send out Curt’s presentation

c. Next meetings
   i. March 17th, June 16th, September 15th, and December 15th

X. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

XI. **Adjournment**