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## Workforce Investment Council

### 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 Rispono 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 17<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 15<sup>th</sup>

**X. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**XI. Adjournment**