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Bobby Jindal, Governor  
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**Workforce Investment Council**

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 17, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Governor's Press Room, Louisiana State Capitol, Fourth Floor

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Dr. Jenee Slocum called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.

**Members Present:** Ray Barker, Kathy Bobbs, Michael Boudreaux, Carla Roberts for Sen. A.G. Crowe, Bryan Gautreaux for Hilda Curry, Jason Dedron, Executive Director Curt Eysink, Brent Boe for Art Favre, Nicholas Cole for Gov. Bobby Jindal, Rhett Covington for Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, Bob Lobos, Mike Mitternight, Charles Moniotte, Susie Schowen for Sec. Stephen Moret, Sarah Allen for Sonia Perez, Dr. Joseph Rallo, Louis Reine, Eddie Risponse, Kim Matherne for Sec. Susan Sonnier, David Helveston for Dr. Monty Sullivan, Scott Couper for Jorge Tarajano, Brian Breaux for Buck Vandersteen, Lisa French for John White, Darell Ward for John Young Jr., and Thomas Yura

**Members Absent:** Terry Baugh, Jacqueline Beauchamp, Jennifer Boggs, Keith Brand, Julie Cherry, Brent Golleher, Sen. Elbert Guillory, John Jones, Patrick Mulhearn, Thomas O'Neal, Mike Palamone, Rep. Clay Schexnayder, and Rep. Patricia Smith

**II. Comments from Charles Moniotte, Chairman**

**III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Eddie Risponse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Lisa Vosper

**IV. Impact of Oil & Gas Prices on the Louisiana Economy, Dr. Loren Scott**

- a. Dr. Scott shared a PowerPoint presentation on energy prices.
- b. Dr. Scott spoke on the variation in breakeven prices for different shale plays.
- c. He discussed why oil prices are on the decline and the impact OPEC has had on the prediction of oil prices.

**V. Workforce-Related Legislation**

Executive Director Curt Eysink reported on the LWC's upcoming legislation:

- Extend tax credits for apprenticeship programs.
- Align state legislation with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). There will be changes to the WIC membership.
- Extend the period in which we can accept second injury claims.

**VI. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation**

- a. Executive Director Curt Eysink gave a brief overview of WIOA.
- b. Ms. Kelly Ebey shared that LWC has met with the required federal and state partners several times and together they have gathered data, best practices, connections and opportunities.
- c. Action Item: Ms. Kelly Ebey will send Dr. Jenee Slocum the WIC member requirements and qualifications.

**VII. Occupational Forecasting Conference - Short- and Long-term Forecasts**

- a. Stephen Barnes, Director of the LSU Division of Economic Development shared a PowerPoint presentation.
- b. He requested that the members provide feedback to him after they bring it back to their organization. We will vote to accept at a later date.

**VIII. Action Items**

Revisions to the Extension of the State Plan for Adult Education

- Move to approve plan, 1st Louis Reine, 2nd Mike Mitternacht

**IX. Workforce Development Efforts – Houma-Thibodeaux/Bayou Region**

Ray Barker from Bollinger, Earl Meador Chancellor of Fletcher Technical Community College, and Nicol Blanchard the Carl Perkins Grant Coordinator of Fletcher Technical Community College shared a presentation on workforce development and collaboration efforts in the Bayou Region.

**X. Other Business**

Chairman Moniotte shared that he will try to get people from the Lake Charles area to come and speak at the next WIC meeting.

**XI. Public Comments**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.