WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 16, 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 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Dr. Jenee Slocum called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.


II. Comments from Charles Moniotte, Chairman  
We will work with Dr. Rallo to put together a plan for higher education that can be presented to the new Governor so he may create his own plan considering our recommendations.

III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Motion to approve: 1st Buck Vandersteen, 2nd Darell Ward

IV. 2015 Regular Legislative Session Update  
a. Update on TOPS Tech Bill that passed provided by Dr. Jenee Slocum.  
   • The Workforce Investment Council (WIC) will work closely with the Board of Regents (BOR) on implementation oversight. The joint WIC-BOR approval process will be shared with the WIC at the September meeting.
   b. SB 24 - Apprenticeship tax incentive did not pass.
   c. HB 741 (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act transition (WIOA)) – WIC membership will increase from 41 to 53. Further details of the additions were provided in attendee folders.

V. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Implementation  
a. Rob Roux shared more about HB 741, including the attendance policy, which states that WIC members missing more than two consecutive meetings will be subject to removal.
   b. Rob Roux presented on the Initial Designation Policy.  
      • The current Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) must submit a request to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) to be initially designated. They must have successfully satisfied their goals and sustained their fiscal integrity.
      • The initial designation begins July 1, 2015, and continues for two years.
• Local areas must be consistent with the labor market areas in state, consistent with regional and economic development areas of the state, and be eligible to receive federal and non-federal resources.
• If they do not meet these criteria and are denied, a local area may appeal to the WIC for designation. If the WIC also denies them, then they may appeal to the U.S. Department of Labor.
• The deadline for submission was June 23, 2015.

c. Local Workforce Development Board Composition
• The state is required to provide guidance on the development of local boards.
• The composition of local boards under WIOA will be similar to WIA but smaller. Local boards are required to be majority business representatives, 20 percent from labor organizations, and have representation from adult education, higher education, the Wagner-Peyser Program, economic development, vocational rehabilitation, and the Department of Children and Family Services. The chief elected official may add additional members, but must maintain the ratios of business and organized labor representation.
• The local boards are expected to be in place by September 30, 2015.
• All policies will be posted for public comment and brought to the WIC for feedback.

d. Workforce Investment Council Bylaws
• There is a requirement that the WIC have bylaws. Rob Roux wants input from WIC members and he will work with Jenee on the bylaws.

VI. Action Items
a. Approval of new IBCs for State Focus List
• C4 Machining, approved
• CompTIA IT Fundamentals, approved
• Basic Access Training, Industrial Scaffolding Curriculum, approved

b. Presentation of Industry and Occupation Projections
• Raj Jindal shared the Employment Forecasts by Occupation and Industry.
• Approval of Industry and Occupations Projections: approved, no opposition

c. Consolidation of LWIA-82 and LWIA-83
• The LWIAs 82 and 83 presented their request letter to the Governor by Terri Mitchell.
• Approved, no opposition

VII. Workforce Development Efforts
a. Courtney Boutè Breaux and Marc Goldstein shared a presentation and video on the Lafayette region “I can do THAT!” campaign.

b. G.B. Cazes shared a presentation on the Cyber Innovation Center.

VIII. Other Business
a. Jorge Tarajano shared an update on the Craft Committee. A two-year update was completed. The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) is working to meet needs. There is still a need to identify how to support low income students. LCTCS is working with a national consortium to push for changes to Pell Grant use and Perkins Loan eligibility. The Craft Committee will dissolve unless further need is identified.

b. Jorge Tarajano provided an update on Louisiana Workforce Education Initiative.

IX. Public Comments
None

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.