I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Dr. Jenee Slocum called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.


Members Absent: Brent Golleher, Jonald Walker, Joe Bonita, Sen. A.G. Crowe, Buck Vandersteen

II. Comments from Charles Moniotte, Chairman
A. Agencies, business, and other stakeholders have been meeting to create a higher education plan. Dr. Joseph Rallo provided an update on the work of higher education and their partners, including an overhaul of the master plan.
B. Jorge Tarajano shared a PowerPoint presentation on LWEI.

III. Swear-in Workforce Investment Council Members
Robert Roux swore in members.

IV. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
A. No questions, no discussions
B. Motion to approve; 1st Louis Reine, 2nd Rep. Pat Smith

V. Star Jobs Update
Curt Eysink provided an update on Star Jobs and adjustments to rating rules.

VI. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation
A. WIOA Implementation Progress
   b. As of July 1, 2015, we are now operating under WIOA.
   c. Progress includes the creation of initial designation policy and local board training.

B. State and Local Annual Performance Outcomes
   Kelly Ebey presented on new performance metrics which focus on not only helping people find jobs but also retention.
C. Initial Area Designation Outcomes
   a. Rob Roux reported on initial area designation outcomes.
   b. To be designated as a workforce area under WIOA, local areas must make a request to the state, show they were an area under WIA, demonstrate successful performance (80%) over the past two years, and have fiscal integrity.
   c. All requests were approved except Local Area 21 (East Baton Rouge).

D. Certification process for Eligible Providers of Training Services
   Kelly Ebey shared that the criteria for inclusion on the list will be more stringent and be aligned with Star Jobs beginning in January 2016. Program approval determines eligibility for Title 1 funds.

VII. Recommendation to the Governor to merge LWIA #50 and #51 into a single local area
   A. Bryan Moore explained the process for mergers.
   B. Motion to recommend the merger of LWIA #50 and #51 into a single local area to become the Lake Charles regional planning area including Calcasieu, Allen, Beauregard, Vernon, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes.
   C. Motion to approve: 1st Louis Reine, 2nd Carlos Perez

VIII. TOPs Tech Program Evaluation Process
   A. Dr. Lisa Vosper presented. A handout was provided.
      a. Act 230 provides for changes to TOPS Tech program eligibility starting with the 2016-2017 class.
      b. The BOR and WIC will be the determining bodies of which two-year and shorter-term programs will be eligible for TOPS Tech.
      c. Act established workforce demand as the determining factor for eligibility.
   B. A council has formed to determine eligibility criteria and an evaluation process, which will make recommendations to the BOR and WIC in December.

IX. Approval of New IBCs for State Focus List
   Susie Schowen presented the new items for the IBC list.
      a. AutoCAD from Gulf-River Parishes Regional Team
      b. 1st - Louis Reine, 2nd - Mike Palamone

X. Workforce Development Efforts
   A. Lighthouse Louisiana shared a video and presentation.
   B. Southwest Louisiana presented outreach efforts.

XI. December Meeting
   Symposium in December will coincide with the next WIC meeting.

XII. Public Comments
   None

XIII. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.