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

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Dr. Jenee Slocum called roll and a Quorum was present. Haley Higgins recorded minutes.


*Members Absent:* Sec. Susan Sonnier, Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, John Jones, Joe Bonita, Valerie Aymond, and Keith Brand

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

Chairman Charles Moniotte welcomed new members and thanked event sponsors, encouraged meeting attendees to take advantage of networking opportunities throughout the conference.

III. **Swearing in of Members**

Rob Roux swore in new members.

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

a. No questions or discussion.

b. Art Favre moved to approve; Dr. Lisa Vosper seconded.

V. **Update on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Implementation Progress**

Kelly Ebey presented on weaving workforce and training, where we need to seek additional guidance from USDOL, USDOE, and guidance we are receiving on implementation.

VI. **Presentation on LED Tiered Jobs Analysis Methodology**

Susie Schowen presented on the LED Tiered Jobs Methodology, discussed 4 and 5 Star Jobs, and how they affect the Tiers as some have more economic growth than others.

VII. **Consideration of TOPs Tech Program Evaluation Process, Criteria, and Programs for Approval**
a. Dr. Lisa Vosper reviewed the evaluation process, criteria, and programs, and noted the correction of HB838, not HB383 in the handout provided for reference.
b. Louis Reine moved to approve; Eddie Rispone seconded. Motion approved.

VIII. Consideration of Addition to TOPS Tech Early Start Providers for Approval

a. Lisa French recommended adding a provider to the TOPS Tech Early Start Providers list who would be able to provide training in two program areas: healthcare and postsecondary- Workforce Preparation and Placement Specialists, Inc.
b. Louis Reine and Carla Roberts asked questions about funding. Jennifer Jeansonne of Louisiana ProStart, designee of Michael Boudreaux, spoke on starting salaries of restaurant staff and intent of the community colleges to build out facilities.
c. Charles Moniotte asked to defer Program #1: Hospitality, and Lisa French noted all new training providers have to be identified by January 31, 2016.
d. Mike Palamone moved to defer Hospitality; Charles Moniotte seconded.
e. Mike Palamone moved to defer Program #2: Healthcare; Bob Lobos seconded.

IX. Consideration of Addition to the IBC State Focus List for Approval

ComptTIA Security+ Certification

a. Susie Schowen and a representative from CIC spoke about inclusion of ComptTIA Security+ on the IBC list.
b. Louis Reine moved to include; Ray Barker seconded.

X. Consideration of WIC Member Roles and Responsibilities for Approval

a. Dr. Jenee Slocum reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities
b. One change was made in regard to attending local board meetings: “Urged to attend at least one meeting”.
c. Louis Reine motioned to approve as amended; Jason Dedon seconded.

XI. Consideration of WIC Bylaws for Approval

a. Dr. Jenee Slocum reviewed the bylaws
b. Louis Reine motioned to approve; Eddie Rispone seconded.

XII. WIC Progress Report 2008-2016

Curt Eysink gave a presentation reviewing the WIC’s history over the last eight years and its plan for the future.

XIII. Consideration of WIC Strategic Plan for Approval

a. Dr. Jenee Slocum reviewed the WIC Strategic Plan and changes made from the 2012 plan. Louis Reine suggested adding a piece about the Apprenticeship Program under Page 4, #7. Curt Eysink seconded.
b. Louis Reine moved for adoption as amended; Carlos Perez seconded.

XIV. Public Comments

a. Mike Palamone gave an overview of the new Louisiana Calling.
b. Charles Moniotte summarizes industrial craft training and wants to look at where the industry is next year and how far we’ve come, consider the shipping industry.
c. Dr. Jenee Slocum discusses housekeeping items for the rest of the symposium.
d. Eddie Rispone thanks Charles for his work over the years.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am