I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Lori Cherry called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.


II. **Comments from Charles Moniotte, Chairman**
A. Welcome from Charles and introductions of Ava Dejoie and Lori Cherry
B. Ava gave a brief introduction and her professional background

III. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
A. No questions, no discussion
B. Motion to approve
   a. 1st Louis Reine
   b. 2nd Ronnie Rosser
   c. All in favor, No Opposition, Motion Passed

IV. **Membership Update- Executive Director Dejoie**
A. A handout was provided to the group on membership.
B. Carlos Perez in the Apprenticeship Director so the change can be made on the list

V. **Consideration for approval: Agritechnology IBC**
A. Commissioner Mike Strain provided a PowerPoint presentation to the group.
B. Provided introductions from panel who presented
C. Roy O Martin and Manda Fine Meats presented on how this IBC will be useful and supported by companies in Louisiana. They are employing the students that go through this program.
D. This has been approved by the IBC council and the Executive Committee.
E. Motion to approve Agritechnology as an option on the Statewide IBC List
VI. Approval of OFC Short and Long-term Industry Forecasts
   A. Sachin Chintawar and Dr. Stephen Barnes presented to the WIC and shared a PowerPoint presentation
   B. Went through the process of how they gather their forecasts and the approval through the Occupational Forecasting Conference
   C. The next presentation for projections will be for occupations and will be provided at the end of June. The industry forecast will be updated at the same time
   D. Motion to accept the short and long-term Industry Forecasts
      a. 1st Louis Reine
      b. 2nd Rhett Covington
      c. No objections, motion passed
   E. Lisa Vosper and David Helveston both shared how the Star Jobs rating impact their programs. Many of the decisions they make on where funding dollars go are based on the star jobs rating of the program.

VII. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Implementation Progress Update
   A. Kelly Ebey provided an update on the Strategic Plan and the process they took to get to the draft of the plan which is now posted online for viewing and public comment.
   B. This plan has not been submitted as yet, they are in the comment period now and the plan must be submitted by April 1st.
   C. Louisiana is submitting a combined state plan.
   D. Career and Tech ed will be added to the plan within the first year of implementation and added to the plan as a modification.

VIII. Public Comments
   A. Higher Education does not know as yet what the final budget cut numbers will be. They were told they will know something by Friday 3/18/16. Dr. Lisa Vosper will email the funding changes when they have the numbers.
   B. Comments from agencies concerning their budget cuts etc.
   C. Louisiana Calling – Mike Palamone provided an update about the ad campaign, messaging will come out this fall.
   D. Dr. Vosper commended Eddie Rispone on being the Baton Rouge Businessman of the year

IX. Adjournment
   A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.