



Workforce Investment Council

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Bobby Jindal, Governor
Charles Moniotte, Chairman

Workforce Investment Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2011
9:30 a.m.
Associated Builders & Contractors
19251 Highland Road Baton Rouge, LA

Members of the Executive Committee Present:

Kathy Bobbs
Curt Eysink
Art Favre
Jimmy Sawtelle, Designee for Dr. Joe May
Mike Mitternacht
Chairman, Charles Moniotte
Mike Palamone
Eddie Rispone
Jorge Tarajano

Members of the Executive Committee Absent:

Jacqueline Beauchamp
Louis Reine
Charles "Buck" Vandersteen

I. Call to Order

Chairman Charles Moniotte called the meeting to order.

II. Comments from the Chair

Newly appointed Chairman, Charles Moniotte addressed the committee. He recognized former Chairman Rispone and thanked him for his leadership and service to the committee. He also informed the committee members that he has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the Governance Commission and would be forwarding summaries to them for their input.

III. Approval of Minutes

A draft of the minutes from the June Executive Committee meeting was given to each member for their review and approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes. That motion passed.

IV. Presentation by LWC Staff on BizTech Expo 2011

Lynn Dias-Button, Public Information Director for the Louisiana Workforce Commission, addressed the Committee on upcoming events and initiatives that she and the PR staff have been working on. The Growing Green Conference is scheduled for Sept. 16th. Also, the Louisiana Workforce Commission will be participating in the Online BizTech Expo. This expo will offer an opportunity to engage other employers and find out their needs as well as making them aware of the services that we can provide. It encourages input from the business industry on how we can package this information and better serve them. LWC also wants to make businesses aware of the functions of the Business and Career Solution Centers in that they are so much more than just "unemployment" offices.

V. Report of 2011 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Jay Augustine, Deputy Executive Director and Legislative Liaison for the Louisiana Workforce Commission addressed the committee with an update on the 2011 Legislative session. He discussed some of our wins:

The four (4) Legislative Wins:

- a. Senate Bill 121 (Riser) – created to help businesses save money on unemployment insurance tax payments and under this bill the employer’s experience rating is not adversely affected if the cause of layoffs is attributed to a third party under the federal Oil Pollution Act.
- b. House Bill 303 (Ponti) – Child Labor Law that brought Louisiana law in conformity with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. It also has a clean up function to update LWC’S organization (change “secretary” to “executive director”)
- c. House Bill 502 (Ponti) – allows the Workers Compensation Second Injury Fund Board to allocate 1% of its annual budget to Louisiana Rehabilitation Services for employment and reemployment programs for potential employees with permanent partial disabilities. It also contributes to the 3-to-1 federal fiscal match.
- d. Senate Bill 28 (Ben Nevers) – renewed Louisiana’s Apprenticeship Tax credit and extended it until 2015; from 2007 to 2011 business hiring certified apprentices could receive a \$1 per hour worked tax credit, up to 1,000 hours.

Collaborative Success:

- a. House Bill 549 (House Speaker Tucker) – LWC worked in collaboration with various business community representatives and education stakeholders in support of the GRAD Act 2.0
- b. House Bill 342 (Rep. Edwards) – Requires employers with public contracts to electronically verify the citizenship of their employees.

VI. Discussion of Workforce Investment Council Goals for 2012

Curt Eysink, Executive Director with the Workforce Investment Council, will give a presentation to the Workforce Investment Council on goals for 2012. Also, all members were asked about 1 or 2 goals that they would like to see in 2012. The goals discussed were: Workforce Development, Accountability and Marketing.

VII. Status of Proposed Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization Bill

Curt Eysink, Executive Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, informed the committee that the Workforce Investment Reauthorization Bill has been put on hold. No further action has been taken.

VIII. Suggested Agenda Items for WIC Aug. 23, 2011 Meeting

The following items were suggested to be included on the agenda for the Workforce Investment Council August 23 meeting.

- a. Consideration and approval of the Labor Market Information One-Stop Grant
- b. Report on the 2011 Legislative Session
- c. Presentation from one of the Workforce Investment Boards

Meeting was adjourned