

Occupational Forecast Conference

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

9:30 AM –

Louisiana Workforce Commission, 4th floor Auditorium
1001 N. 23rd St., Meeting Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

This meeting will be available via Zoom and members of the public are encouraged to provide comments to WIC@lwc.la.gov and/or the Zoom chat function.

The public may register for this zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0of-CurD4sHdSKzL5K8OWBA2La5puGjGJQ>

I. Call to order

Chairman Bruce Busada called to order the regular meeting of the Occupational Forecast Conference at **9:00 am** on **July 29, 2020** at Louisiana Workforce Commission, Executive Conference Room 1001 N. 23rd St., Meeting Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Meridith Trahant: [Read the Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum](#)

II. Roll call

Kellie Taylor-White conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Quorum met: Yes

Number in attendance: 8

Here	Not	Member	Here	Designee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Governor John Bel Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Ava Dejoie
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Director Ava Dejoie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth Burrell
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms. Camille Conoway		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Louis Reine		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Patterson		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Don Pierson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susie Schowen
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Monty Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rene Cintron
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Robert Newman		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Yu Hsing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr. Alvin Williams		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairman Bruce Busada		

III. Review and Approval of previous OFC Meeting Minutes March 5, 2020:

Options for voting:

1 st Motion:	Louis Reine	Abstentions:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Motion:	Jim Patterson	Opposition:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Approved:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Unanimous Vote

IV. Comments from the Chairman, Bruce Busada Comments- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

V. Presentation of report on Short Term COVID effects on Forecasts (statewide and regional): Dr. Ali Bustamante presented a PowerPoint presentation titled Employer Survey.

- Secretary Ava Dejoie stated this presentation was the response to what was passed in the session to do a short term forecast and feed in the immediate need of business before a September 30th deadline.

Motion to state the OFC received the Employer Survey:

Options for voting:

1 st Motion:	Louis Reine	Abstentions:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Motion:	Susan Schowen	Opposition:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Approved:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Unanimous Vote

VI. Brief Review of Occupational Forecasting Process: Dr. Ali Bustamante and Karl Gleichman presented the PowerPoint presentation.

- Secretary Ava Dejoie stated we do not have stable data because of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion to accept the 2019 projections for 2020 because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic:

Options for voting:

1 st Motion:	Louis Reine	Abstentions:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Motion:	Jim Patterson	Opposition:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Approved:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Unanimous Vote

VII. Other Business:

VIII. Public Comments: None

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Bruce Busada adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am

Minutes submitted by: Jawanda J. Givens

Minutes approved by: Quorum of Board

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-84, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 25, 2020, the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council is providing for attendance at essential meetings via teleconference or videoconference as allowed during the pendency of the COVID-19 health emergency. Pursuant to Section 2C of JBE 2020-84, the LWIC will provide attendance for the Occupational Forecast Conference meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 via Zoom and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the Notice posted on July 23, 2020. The Occupational Forecast Conference would otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements.