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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Dumas Room, Baton Rouge Community College Magnolia Building, First Floor

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Charles Moniotte. Lori Cherry called roll and a quorum was present. Stesha Rampersad recorded minutes.

Members Present: Sen. Conrad Appel, Joseph Ardoin, Jerome Eymard for James Ray Barker, Erin Monroe Wesley for Gov. John Bel Edwards, Kathy Bobbs, Deidre Jackson for Gerald Boudreaux, Michael Boudreaux, Keith Brand, Heather Stefan for Jason Dedon, Exec. Dir. Ava Dejoie, Gary Warren for Jason Engels, Art Favre, Thelma French, Brent Golleher, Charlie Habig, Melissa Mann for John F. Jones, Rhett Covington for Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, Jonathan Wilson for Todd McDonald, Charles Moniotte, John "Patrick" Mulhearn, Susan Nelson, Thomas Mitchiner O'Neal, Mike Palamone, Carlos Perez, Sonia Perez, Susana Schowen for Sec. Don Pierson, Ed Price, Joseph Rallo, Rep. Patricia Hayes Smith, Dr. Monty Sullivan, Scott Couper for Jorge Tarajano, C.A. Buck Vandersteen, Kim Matherne for Marketa Garner Walters, Lisa French for John White, Allan Bailie for Thomas Yura

Members Absent: Valerie Aymond, Jennifer Boggs, Susan Broussard, John Hopkins, Robert "Bob" Lobos, Gerry Mims, Jim Odom, Peggy Parker, Louis Reine, Natalie Robottom, Missy Rogers, Ronnie Rosser, Jonald Walker, III

II. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes

1st Joseph Ardoin

2nd Susan Nelson

No opposition, no abstention, approved

III. Southern University Centers of Strength—Dr. Belton, SU President and Dr. Stubblefield

- A. Dr. Stubblefield share a PowerPoint presentation on the process was in finding their strengths. Next month an RFP will be released to update their facilities to ensure Southern is giving students the best opportunities in education and research.
- B. Dr. Laura Young, Vice Provost of Academic affairs and Dr. N. Joyce Payne, Founder of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund attended to show support of this initiative. Dr. Payne also shared a few words on how this initiative is beneficial to HBCU students.
- C. Susie Schowen shared her work on the gap analysis and economic development potential concerning these "centers of excellence"; including what the jobs are that stimulate growth and provide the best opportunity for students in Louisiana.
- D. Dr. Lisa Vosper shared that this program is aligning with BORs initiative, ELEVATE Louisiana. Also the National NGA centers will soon be introduced to the WIC that southern and a few other universities are already participating in.
- E. Exec. Dir. Dejoie shared that their agency's R&S department is working on gathering the information that will show the positive effects of these programs.
- F. Sen. Conrad Appel discussed the fiscal impacts that show a need for alignment including addressing duplication in the colleges and universities. The mindset about Southern needs to change so that those who cannot get into LSU can attend Southern and it will not be thought of as only an HBCU, but as a regional university

IV. IBCC Report: IBCs for consideration of approval

A. Carpenter International Training Fund IBCC

- i. Lucy Lejeune shared a brief explanation of what the IBC entails and what she hopes this program will provide to students.

- ii. Motion to approve the addition of this IBC
 1. Mike Palamone
 2. Carlos Perez
 3. No opposition, no abstentions, passed
- B. Dental Assistant—NOCTI IBCC
 - i. Patricia Merreck - Central Community School System
 - ii. This will be an additional certification, another option for students beside the EDDA which was previously approved. The NOCTI test is cheaper than EDDA but equal in nature.
 - iii. Motion to approve the addition of this IBC
 1. 1st Mike Palamone
 2. 2nd Susana Schowen
 3. No opposition, no abstentions, passed

V. Creation of new WIC Subcommittees

- A. Higher Education Subcommittee
 - i. Dr. Rallo presented their idea behind the need to create this subcommittee. The implementation of this subcommittee will help to achieve the goals to ensure greater cooperation, less duplication through cooperation within regions and between institutions.
 - ii. Motion to create a Higher Education Subcommittee
 1. 1st Susana Schowen
 2. 2nd Susan Nelson
 3. No opposition, no abstentions, approved
- B. Workforce Development Boards Subcommittee
 - i. Chairman Moniotte presented the need for this subcommittee.
 - ii. Exec. Dir. Dejoie also shared how the local offices could benefit from this subcommittee and how the Workforce Development Boards will be able to align with the state board/WIC.
 - iii. Motion to create a Workforce Development Boards Subcommittee
 1. 1st Thelma French
 2. 2nd Rep Pat Smith
 3. No opposition, no abstentions, approved

VI. Louisiana Calling Update—Mike Palamone

Mr. Bill Slaughter presented. LA Calling exists to help people meet the demand for skilled workers and provide an opportunity to live a middle class lifestyle. This program is in place to help recruit people and take advantage of the talent that is in the state. Showed the first 2 videos they have produced.

VII. Nepris—Virtual Classrooms—Matt Porino

- A. Matt Porino shared a presentation with the group and handouts were provided to the WIC members in their packets. This system is designed to connect teachers and student with industry experts, virtually, to reduce the barriers between education and industry.
- B. Nepris is asking businesses to partner with them and share what they do with other businesses.

VIII. Proposed WIC meeting dates

Motion to accept the dates
 1st: Rep. Pat Smith
 2nd: Art Farve
 No opposition, no abstentions, approved

IX. Public Comments

- A. Cynthia Douglas shared a little about her office at Employ BR, her support of the subcommittee, and the need and desire of collaboration across the state.
- B. Elaine Morris, Rapides Parish WDB Director shared her support of the subcommittee and the partnership with Nepris.
- C. Terry Mitchell from 83 shows support of the subcommittee and is working with employers to find opportunities for the residents.
- D. Brenda Hubbard Thomas and Courtney Breaux shared support of the subcommittee and their hope to be able to have a voice with the state board.
- E. Spring Forum for BOR will be a 2 day event on February 1-2 in Alexandria, LA at City Hall

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am