**Workforce Investment Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Hearing Room, Louisiana Department of Insurance, First Floor

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 9:38 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, James Ray Barker, Erin Monroe Wesley for Gov. John Bel Edwards, Mike Thompson for Kathy Bobbs, Keith Brand, Susan Broussard, Cathy Wells for Exec. Dir. Ava Dejoie, Jason Engels, Brent Boe for Art Favre, Thelma French, Charlie Habig, John Hopkins, Rhett Covington for Sec. Jimmy LeBlanc, Todd McDonald, Charles Moniotte, Aaron Bayham for John "Patrick" Mulhearn, Susan Nelson, Carlos Perez, Joseph Rallo, Louis Reine, Missy Rogers, Ronnie Rosser, Rep. Patricia Hayes Smith, Jorge Tarajano, C.A. Buck Vandersteen, Lisa French for John White, Thomas Yura

***Members Absent:*** Valerie Aymond, Jennifer Boggs, Joe Bonita, Michael Boudreaux, Jason Dedon, Brent Golleher, John F. Jones, Robert "Bob" Lobos, Gerry Mims, Jim Odom, Thomas Mitchiner O'Neal, Mike Palamone, Peggy Parker, Sonia Perez, Don Pierson, Ed Price, Natalie Robottom, Dr. Monty Sullivan, Jonald Walker, III, Marketa Garner Walters, John F. Young

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

Motion to approve the minutes

1st Louis Reine

2nd Susan Nelson

1. **Education Presentation by Superintendent John White**
   1. Supt. White shared a PowerPoint presentation with the group. He focused his discussion on Jumpstart and the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act
   2. DOE wants to ensure that in every part of the state students have more pathways available to them. Currently, in more rural areas, students may only have 2- 3 pathways, whereas in other areas there are dozens available.
   3. Scaling and counseling and providing real workplace examples are also issues that need to be addressed.
   4. The class of 2018 will be the first graduating class that will have the courses required for either TOPS or TOPS tech eligibility, and will have to apply for FAFSA or opt-out.
2. **Board of Regents Presentation, Dr. Joseph Rallo and Richard Lipsey**
   1. Dr. Rallo shared with the council a few words on BORs approach for higher education amidst the budget changes. Program dollars are now directly tied to the workforce and the forecasts for high wage high demand jobs.
   2. Changes to TOPS. The fall semester is funded 100%, because they decided to only fund the spring 40% to allow time for everyone to find alternate means of funding. Going forward all TOPS recipients will be funded at 70%.
   3. To address fiscal vitality they will begin to use the Ohio model for every institution. Any institution that receives a score below 1.75 will be watched for fiscal health. Currently, 4 institutions are on the watch list.
   4. He introduced a new program called Elevate Louisiana with goals to Educate and Innovate to help high school seniors prepare for college.
   5. BOR is also looking into all undergraduate and graduate programs to ensure there is no duplication and to maintain access and attendance.
3. **WIC Career Readiness Taskforce K-12 Subcommittee Report, Lisa French (DOE) and Bryan Moore (LWC)**
   1. Shared a PowerPoint presentation which discussed their main goals; support of jumpstart, career counseling, dropout recovery, workplace experiences, and technology.
   2. Ms. French and Mr. Moore provided an update mainly on their first goal, support of jumpstart.
4. **Disaster Relief Employment Efforts, Ava Dejoie**
   1. Executive Director Dejoie was unable to attend, so Bryan Moore presented on her behalf.
   2. Mr. Moore shared that the Workforce Commission has been working to employ individuals with temporary jobs surrounding disaster relief efforts. These jobs include debris removal and humanitarian efforts for people affected by the flood. Each person can work up to 2,080 hours and will be paid based on the prevailing wages for that job. Workforce determines eligibility and approves worksites and then makes the match between the workers and worksites.
5. **IBCC Report, IBCs for Consideration of Approval**
   1. Patricia Merreck is presenting the credentials for the Dental Assisting IBC.
      1. Motion to approve the Dental Assisting IBC
         1. 1st - Louis Reine
         2. 2nd Ronnie Rosser
         3. No opposition, no abstention, all in favor to approve the Dental Assisting IBC
   2. Update ABC Pelican AWS IBC presented by Jerome Mabile
      1. Motion to approve the update to the ABC AWS IBC Level 1 to replace it as AWS Level 1 Basic and AWS Level 1 Advanced
         1. 1st Jorge Tarajano
         2. 2nd James Ray Barker
         3. No opposition, no abstentions, all in favor to approve the change to the AWS IBC
   3. Action Item: Need documentation on all items being voted on going forward
6. **Local Workforce Development Boards 40/41 (Lafayette) Request for Re-designation, Bryan Moore (LWC)**
   1. Motion to re-designate WDB 40/41 (Lafayette) as a single board
      1. 1st Louis Reine
      2. 2nd Thelma French
      3. No opposition, no abstentions, all in favor, motion carried
7. **Public Comments**
   1. December 13th is the final meeting of the year.
   2. Rep. Patricia Smith would like to know what the WDBs are doing with the prisoners that are released in their regions. Bryan Moore stated that LWC is in partnership with DOC and Voc. Rehab. and are working toward addressing these barriers to employment at the state and local level. Bryan Moore will ensure information is given to the Boards so they know what their expectations are and he will forward the correspondence to the WDBs to the WIC members as well.
8. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm