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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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Workforce Investment Council

Workforce Investment Council Meeting
 Tuesday, January 18, 2022

9:30 AM

ZOOM

- **Jawanda Givens read a portion of the La. R.S. 42:17.1 Certification:**
 - On March 11, 2020, in Executive Proclamation 25 JBE 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for Louisiana due to COVID-19. The state of emergency was extended in subsequent Executive Proclamations with the most recent extension in 235 JBE 2021 on December 22, 2021. The state of emergency is a public health one and an in-person meeting of the WIC hosted at the Louisiana Workforce Commission would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
 - In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the presiding officer of the WIC, Meridith J. Trahant, hereby certifies that the agenda of the meeting is limited to 1) matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship and 2) matters that are critical to continuation of business of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and are not able to be postponed due to other deadlines that cannot be postponed or delayed.
 - As such, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the WIC meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 9:30 AM will be held by video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meetings law.

I. Call to order Call to order – Chairman Bruce Busada

II. Roll call –

WIC Director Jawanda J Givens Quorum: Yes Time: 9:33am

18-January-2022				
First Name	Last Name	Member	Designee	Designee
Bruce	Busada	x		
Joseph	Ardoin	x		
Paul	Arrigo	x		
Valerie	Aymond	x		
Melissa	Bayham	x		Ken York
Ada	Bell			
Keith W	Brand			
Cade	Brumley		x	Jessica Vallelungo
Barbara	Carpenter	x		
Conrad	Carriere	x		
Jason	Cobb	x		
Ava	Cates		x	Tavares Walker
Michael	Danahay	x		

Stephen	David	x		
Jason	Dedon	x		
John Bel	Edwards		x	Sec. Ava Cates
Jason	Engles	x		Gary Warren
Thelma	French	x		
Larry	Frieman			
Randy	Hayden			
Charles "Chuck"	Henderson, Jr.			
John	Hopkins			
Edward R	Jones			
Gina	Jones			
Leigh	King			
Norisha	Kirts	x		
Kirk	LaCour	x		
James "Jimmy"	LeBlanc		x	Rhett Covington
Robert J. "Bob"	Lobos			
Melissa	Mann	x		
Roy O.	Martin III	x		
Gerry	Mims	x		
Brent	Moreland	x		
Susan	Nelson	x		
Barrow	Peacock			Margaret Corley
Sonia A.	Perez	x		
Don	Pierson		x	Susie Schowen
Kim	Reed	x	x	Lisa Vosper
Louis	Reine		x	Nick Felton
Ronald	Rosser Jr.			
Tracey	Schiro			Missy Sparks
Richard B. "R.B."	Smith	x	x	Stephanie Seemion
Joshua	Sonnier	x		James Foster
David	St.Etienne	x		
Monty	Sullivan		x	Chris Broadwater
Sandra	Thompson Herman			
Buck	Vandersteen	x		
Marketa	Walters		x	Lorrie Briggs
Thomas A.	Yura	x		
Z - Vacant	Z - Vacant			
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III. Comments from the Chairman, Bruce Busada

- a. Chairman Busada recommends saving this year's meeting dates.

IV. Review and approval of previous minutes:

Motion to approve minutes:

1st Buck Vandersteen

2nd Jason Engles

No abstentions. No objections. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Presentation and Review from IBCC –

1. Re-Certification of 14 IBCs

- a. Chairman of IBCC David St. Etienne notes that IBCC is in the process of recertifying the agencies contacted that confirmed.
- b. Chris Broadwater asks if we have a document that shows a comprehensive IBC list for post-secondary use.
 - i. Chairman David St. Etienne responds that the IBC list is strictly K-12. Wendy Palermo will provide post-secondary list.

2. Disbanded Credentialing Agency (Industrial Scaffolding Committee – ISC)

- a. IBCC Chairman David St. Etienne notes that because the credentialing agency has been disbanded, it will be removed from the IBCC list.

Motion to receive and approve the report presented by IBCC Chairman David St. Etienne englobal

1st Lisa Vosper

2nd Chris Broadwater

Abstentions: Yes None x
Opposition: Yes None x
Approved: Yes x None

Unanimous vote

VI. Presentation from Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS)

Presenter: Lorrie Briggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of DCFS

- Kellie Taylor-White explains that WIC is responsible for coordinating all workforce programs throughout the state. We want to make these presentations so we highlight all the efforts being made in workforce development around the state.
- Assistant Secretary Tavares Walker invites collaboration with the agency.
- Secretary Ava Cates remarks one of the issues we had was reimbursement because of the bureaucracy between state agencies. It was beneficial to locals to coordinate and have a DCFS person on local boards. We had to learn when to partner and get out of our own way. Louisiana can now draw down more federal money when there is a state match.

VII. Other Business

- a. Secretary Cates mentions that a huge issue this session will be replenishment of the state trust fund. For our business members on the call, it will be a major issue. There is \$230 million in the fund currently. There has been an infusion from the first round of CARES/ARP funding, but we are working hard to ensure we get back up to \$750 million mark so there will not be an increase in tax on businesses.
- b. Chairman Busada thanks Secretary Cates and the members for participating.

VIII. Public Comments

- a. None

IX. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Josh Sonnier, Second by Roy Martin. No objections.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.

Minutes Submitted by: Kandice Doley

Approved by quorum of WIC meeting on April 19, 2022