

MINUTES

Workforce Investment Board

Thursday, February 26, 2015 – 7:30 a.m.

Held at: Roy O. Martin Lumber Company, 2189 Memorial Drive, Alexandria LA

ATTENDANCE

Members present	Members absent	Other Attendees / Guest	Staff
Valerie Aymond	Cynthia Baker	Jason Parks (NSU – Cenla)	Jacqueline Braddock
Connie Baker	Tim Dousay	Carolyn Haut (NSU – Cenla)	Carol Stanford
David Broussard	Bill Higgins	Pamela Ballott (CCAC)	Elaine Morace
Susan Broussard	Legena Gore	MSG Richard Bullock (Youth Challenge)	Amy Guillot
Chad Bynog	Kris Hickman	Dr. Jim Henderson (NSU)	Amanda Wells
Remona Casey	Richard Kyle		
Caroline Cosenza	Robert Leavines		
Curman Gaines	Christine McGraw		
Kelli Hall	James Michiels		
Matthew Hennings	Gerry Mitten		
Linda James	Carla Peters		
Haywood Joiner			
Michael Johnson			
Bruce Kelly			
Joan Lee			
Gary Nugent			
Lloyd Price			
Bill Robinson			
Don Sanders			
Jimmy Sawtelle			
Anna Sweat			

CALL TO ORDER

Linda James called the meeting of the Rapides Parish Workforce Investment Board to order.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Henderson the Northwestern State University President provided information about Northwestern State University and the workforce/economic development vision.

MSG Richard A. Bullock the Operations Manager for LANG Educational Programs with the Youth Challenge Program discussed a Proposal for the US Department of Labor on a grant to fund the skills training of 300+ YCP graduates over the next two years.

ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was requested that the Workforce Investment Board review and approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting.

On motion by Lloyd Price, seconded by Bruce Kelly and unanimous vote the minutes from November 13, 2014 were approved.

2. WIB/Youth Council NEW Appointments

New appointments were authorized by the Rapides Parish Police Jury President, Mr. Richard Billings for **Jimmy Sawtelle**, the Interim Regional Director for the Louisiana Community & Technical College System will represent public sector membership. **Kelli Hall**, the Personnel Administrator for Union Tank Car Company will represent private sector membership.

Reappointments were authorized by Rapides Parish Police Jury President, Mr. Richard Billings, for those listed with effective termination dates between February 2015 and May 2015:

WIB Members

Connie Baker	02/04/15 - 02/04/17
David Broussard	02/04/15 - 02/04/17
Chad Bynog	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
William Higgins	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Michael Johnson	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Haywood Joiner	04/01/15 - 04/01/17
Richard Kyle	04/01/15 - 04/01/17
Robert Leavines	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Joan Lee	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Christine McGraw	04/01/15 - 04/01/17
Gary Nugent	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Lloyd Price	04/01/15 - 04/01/17
Bill Robinson	04/01/15 - 04/01/17

New Term Dates

Youth Council

Patricia Boss	05/12/15 - 05/12/17
Gail Goldberg	05/12/15 - 05/12/17
William Higgins	02/01/15 - 02/01/17
Larry Spottsville	05/12/15 - 05/12/17

On motion by Susan Broussard, seconded by Bill Robinson to accept recommendations for new appointments and re-appointments to serve on the Rapides WIB and Youth Council as noted above was approved unanimously.

3. Eligible Training Provider Request from LSU - A

LSU - A has requested the education program – BA in History with Social Studies Education Minor – be approved as an eligible program for WIA funding. As the target occupation for this program is post-secondary education and is not a demand occupation in Rapides Parish, it was recommended that this request be rejected.

On motion by Lloyd Price, seconded by Bruce Kelly, and unanimous vote the Workforce Investment Board disapproved the proposed program.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

1. 8th Annual Community-Wide Job Fair 2015

The 8th Annual Community-Wide Youth Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Alexandria Riverfront Center hosted by the Rapides Business & Career Solutions Center – Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.), several partners, and those who contribute in-kind services.

No action required for information only.

2. Mandatory Ethics Training

Commencing January 1, 2012, Pursuant to R.S. 42:1170 each “public servant” is required to receive a minimum of one hour education and training on the Code of Governmental Ethics during each year of his public employment or term of public service. Workforce Investment Board members, WIB staff and Youth Council members are classified as public servants or public employees.

The Board recommends that Ethics Training for 2015 be completed and a copy of certificate sent to RBCSC staff.

REPORTS/UPDATES

1. Financial Report
2. Rapides Business & Career Solutions Center Report

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM CHAIR

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Linda James.

Workforce Investment Board Chair

Date