

MINUTES

Workforce Development Board

Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 7:30 a.m.

Held at: Central Louisiana Business Incubator, 1501 Wimbledon Blvd., Alexandria LA

ATTENDANCE

Members present	Members absent	Other Attendees / Guest	Staff
Valerie Aymond	Connie Baker	Deidra Jackson, Contractor for Dept Education	Jacqueline Braddock
Yoel Borges	Cynthia Baker	Greg DeClouet, LA. Workforce Commission	Carol Stanford
David Broussard	Catherine Cassels		Elaine Morace
Susan Broussard	Tim Dousay		Anna Sweat
Chad Bynog	Kelli Hall		
Sonia Chevallier	Kris Hickman		
Rich Dupree	Bill Higgins		
Kenneth Gorum	Linda James		
Matthew Hennings	Michael Johnson		
Ginger Humbles	Paula Johnson		
Jeff Johnson	Richard Kyle		
Haywood Joiner	Robert Leavines		
Lafe Jones	Christine McGraw		
Tammye Jones	Kenneth Paul		
Joan Lee	Carla Peters		
Debbie Norman	Lloyd Price		
Gary Nugent	Deborah Randolph		
Jimmy Sawtelle	Todd Urbina		
Joe Sharp			
Quorum Present	Yes	19 of 37	

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Sonia Chevallier called the meeting of the Rapides Parish Workforce Development Board to order.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was requested that the Workforce Development Board review and approve the minutes from the October 22, 2015 meeting.

On motion by Valerie Aymond, seconded by Haywood Joiner with -0- nays, -0- abstained and 19 yes votes, the minutes from October 22, 2015 were approved.



2. Eligible Training Provider List

LA Workforce Commission provided a list of the recommended programs to approve, largely based on the Star Rating of the occupation for which the program trains students. The occupations with 3 or more stars were recommended for approval.

On motion by Gary Nugent, seconded by Rich Dupree, with -0- nays, -0- abstained and 19 yes votes, the Workforce Development Board approved the list of programs.

3. Modifications to Policies

With information available now from USDOL and with the finalized Youth Program Operations policy and Eligible Training Provider policy from LWC, recommendation was made that two youth policies have a minor revision and the creation of an Eligible Training Provider policy.

On motion by Haywood Joiner, seconded by Susan Broussard, with -0- nays, -0- abstained and 19 yes votes, the Workforce Development Board approved the revisions and creation of policies.

4. GUEST SPEAKER

Deidre Jackson, Contractor for Louisiana Department of Education JumpStart Program provided a presentation regarding the alignment of local Workforce Development Boards and the Regional Jumpstart teams. Ms. Jackson discussed handouts she provided to the Board on opportunities for more effective industry engagement statewide.

REPORTS/UPDATES

1. Financial Update

2. Rapides Business & Career Solutions Center Report

3. Mandatory Ethics Training

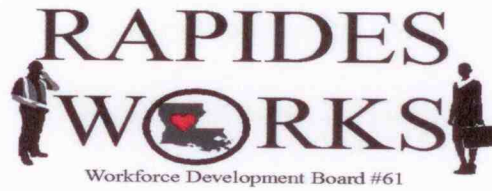
4. Construction Workgroup Update

5. Roy O. Martin Update

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM CHAIR

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Valerie Aymond made the board aware that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday, February 19 with Joseph Rolla, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education's to discuss the educational cuts to balance the state's budget, and there will be a Workready Community meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 24. She discussed Gilchrist Construction recruits new employee by using the Workkeys assessment and recommends they look into using it as part of their hiring process.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business for discussion, motion to adjourn by Lafe Jones and seconded by Joan Lee the meeting was adjourned.

Joan Devallier

Workforce Development Board Chair

May 19, 2016
Date