

Minutes

Jefferson Parish Workforce Development Board Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Jefferson Business Career Solutions Center, Gretna, LA

Members Present: Lisa Jennings, Thelma Ceballos Meyers, Tom Pyburn

Members Absent: Tom Jones

Quorum Present: Yes

Also Present: Greg DeClouet, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Deidre Jackson, contractor with the Louisiana Department of Education, Cynthia Justiniano, Lucy LeJeune, Aveline Lewis, Alicia McCallum, David St. Etienne, Darryl Ward, Sharon Wegner and Alice White

Discussion, Review, and Possible Action

I. Welcome: Mr. Pyburn called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Mr. Pyburn asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of the Minutes: January 12, 2016 (action item-motion required) Mr. Pyburn would accept a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. LeJeune first motioned, and Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. **AYES 3. OPPOSED 0. ABSTAINED 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

III. Jumpstart Presentation: Ms. Jackson explained to the members that Louisiana's Jumpstart program is a new paradigm for career and technical education (CTE), requiring students to attain an industry-promulgated, industry-valued credential in order to graduate high school. This program gives opportunities for more effective industry engagement status and is a new re-tool for 2014. She stated we changed the state's policy to revamp the career diploma throughout the state. There were an overwhelming amount of children that were taking a pathway that did not lead them to be career ready.

She explained now we have approximately 40 different pathways based on occupational forecasting from the Louisiana Workforce Commission, where sophomores and juniors throughout the state will graduate with an industry pathway based credential. The intent of the program is to start leading kids to be career ready, whether it is a four year institution, or a two year institution or post-secondary training. She proceeded with a slide presentation of the program.

IV. Other Business:

V. Adjournment: Mr. Pyburn adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.